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Terrorists mortar army base

Duncan Campbell, Helen Rowlands and David Sharrock

A BRITISH army barracks in Germany was hit by mortar fire last night in what appeared to be the latest attack in the IRA's renewed campaign. It came as security sources warned that the IRA was planning to step up operations despite talk of resuming its ceasefire.

Two mortars were fired at the Quebec barracks in Osnabrück, where 4. Armoured Brigade is based. One landed inside the camp. There were no casualties. The blast damaged roofs and buildings.

Early reports suggested the mortars had been fired from a lorry at 6.50pm local time. German police were called to the scene and were last night searching for other devices.

A British army spokesman said the assailants appeared to have fired two mortar bombs into the barracks from a vehicle just outside the army gates.

"At the gates of the barracks there appeared to have been a pantechnicon kind of vehicle which appears to have left two mortars into the camp," Lieutenant-Colonel Jan Dirk Mervelt said. "Apparently one of the projectiles fell near a petrol pump... there is no fire or anything like that damaged in the

area of the petrol pump. There are no extensive fuel storage [facilities] there," he added.

Osnabrück, the largest British military garrison in Germany, contains 10,700 personnel and their families.

"Our initial supposition is that the perpetrators are from the IRA," a spokesman at the Lower Saxony state interior ministry's crisis management centre said.

An Osnabrück police spokesman said there had been explosions at the barracks caused by projectiles fired at the fuel tanks in the base, but which had missed their targets. The barracks were the target of a 1988 bombing blamed on the IRA.

Security sources had been predicting a further IRA attack after the Manchester bombing. They believe the IRA is committed to an extensive campaign and will be varying methods and locations. The latest incident comes less than two weeks after the bomb which devastated Manchester's centre.

"There was no immediate reaction from Sinn Féin, although one senior figure expressed astonishment on hearing the news. The party is unlikely to make any comment until the circumstances of the attack become much clearer, and may wait for a claim to be made by a terrorist organisation.

If this does prove to be the work of the IRA, which was

impossible to ascertain last night, it may well be the final nail in the coffin of the peace process. From the perspective of Bill Clinton, by whose involvement the republican movement have set so much store, there would appear to be no further merit in pursuing what, for the foreseeable future, is a busted foreign policy flush.

In June last year, four members of an IRA bomb squad were convicted of the attempted bombing of the Quebec army barracks at Osnabrück on June 19 1988. The bombers were disturbed by a night watchman, and four of the five charges were defused. No one was injured.

Donna Maguire was sentenced to nine years in prison, but was freed as she had spent nearly six years in jail on remand. The court ruled Maguire was part of the squad which had planted a 380lb Semtex bomb next to a dormitory block.

Three other members of the squad — Pauline and Donagh O'Keane and Patrick Murray — were also convicted of attempting to bomb the barracks. They were later released as they had served a large part of their sentence on remand. All maintained the evidence against them was circumstantial.

Germany was the focus of a three-year bombing campaign in mainland Europe against British and Nato military installations from 1987.



Wimbledon crowd-pleaser Boris Becker grimaces after a wrist injury which forced him to quit. PHOTOGRAPH: CLIVE BRUNSKILL

Injured Becker pulls out

John Duncan Sports Correspondent

WIMBLEDON seeds continued to find stony ground yesterday with the painful exit of Boris Becker, the number two seed, who withdrew after injuring his right wrist.

With both Becker and Andre Agassi eliminated, the crowd must find their favourites elsewhere. One possibility is Tim Henman, Britain's number one, who was about to serve for the match and a place in the last 16 yesterday before rain stopped play.

Becker left Wimbledon immediately for X-rays, but his trainer, Doug Spreen, had already diagnosed a chipped bone at court-side.

The injury came on the tie-break in the first set against South African Neville Godwin. When Becker stretched and turned to return a second service, the ball hit the racket frame and jarred his wrist, causing obvious pain.

Despite first aid taping, Becker, the champion in 1985, 1986 and 1989 and a crowd favourite ever since becoming Wimbledon's youngest winner at the age of 17, knew immediately he attempted a practise serve that his tournament was over.

"I thought I had broken my wrist," said Becker. "It's so disappointing because I was one of the few who had a serious chance of winning the whole thing this year. An injury never comes at the right time but if there's one tournament a year where I would really like to do well it's Wimbledon."

Now there remains only the crowd-pleasing progress of this year's plucky Brit to warm the heart of Centre Court crowds. Henman looks likely to be this year's model, — in fact, a Brit has been in the last 16 for the past five years — on the point of beating another Briton, 19-year-old Luke Millington.

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Clarke trumpets return of feelgood factor

Larry Elliott and Richard Thomas in Lyon and Sarah Ryle

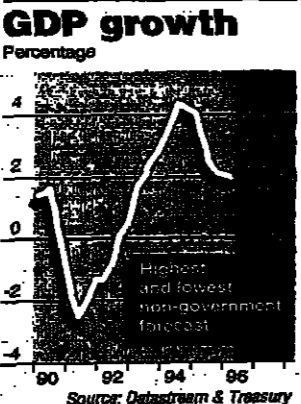
KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, last night talked up Conservative chances of a fifth election when he said on the radio that living standards since the end of the 1980s to proclaim that the feelgood factor had at last returned.

Fleeting out the themes of the Government's economic strategy for the rest of this parliament, he said tough control of public spending could pave the way for tax cuts without damaging the NHS, education or the fight against crime.

Mr Clarke, speaking at the G7 World Economic Summit, said: "We can run a modern state, we can deliver you the high quality public services you want. That is the distinctive claim of a Conservative government."

His triumphant tone was supported by news yesterday that real incomes in the UK rose by 4 per cent over the year to March — the strongest rate since 1989. There was fresh evidence in official data that consumer spending is buoyant, and figures from banks showing 21 per cent more loans made in May than in April, suggesting the housing market was boosting mortgage demand.

The Chancellor said people had to make up their own



minds about the prospects for their finances and jobs, adding: "I do think a growing number of people in the United Kingdom can feel good in that way." He used the data to repeat his claim that the average family would be £450 better off by the end of this year, and accused Tony Blair's attempts to rubbish this.

"We are now one of the healthiest economies in the developed world and we are going to deliver sustained growth, low inflation and rising living standards for some time to come," Mr Clarke continued.

Over the next few weeks, the Chancellor will try to give himself the maximum opportunity to cut taxes in the last Budget before polling day by insisting that spending ministers continue to behave frugally.

He is making it clear that the size of the budget deficit means there is no room for both tax cuts and the traditional pre-election across-the-board boost to public spending.

There was more good news yesterday for Mr Clarke as it emerged that the balance of payments deficit for 1995 was less than half the original estimate as a result of huge data revisions. Britain was £29 billion in the red against an initial total of £6.7 billion, taking into account new investment income information.

GDP growth, however, was unchanged in the first three months of the year, at 0.4 per cent, and the year-on-year rate fell back slightly from 2 per cent to 1.9 per cent.

The Labour Party stressed the manufacturing sector was still struggling. "It is an indictment of Tony's failure that manufacturing is now in recession, having fallen for two quarters in a row and investment in the sector is falling, while growth in the whole economy is running well below forecast," the Shadow Chief Secretary, Andrew Smith, said.

Mr Clarke believes a key ingredient of falling unemployment in the UK has been the absence of excessive regulation. At yesterday's talks, Britain resisted American and French pressure for a commitment to link trade liberalisation to the enforcement of basic labour standards.

Blair wins crucial vote over devolution 'U-turn'

Michael White and Eriand Clouston

TONY Blair last night won a crucial vote of confidence for his controversial devolution policy change from the executive of the Scottish Labour Party.

A stormy three-hour session finally passed by 20 votes to four a resolution supporting moves to "democratically anchor" the Scottish parliament by a specific positive vote by the Scottish people.

The Labour leader was at the Edinburgh meeting for more than two hours, following a day spent trying to defuse the ugly row within his party by turning his promise of referendums to the people of Scotland and Wales into a symbol of the trust he seeks to build with voters before the election.

The shadow Scottish secretary, George Robertson, admitted the meeting featured "hard and sharp words".

Motions calling for a special conference to debate the issue and for the preservation of the present, non-referendum policy were rejected by 16-6 and 16-12 respectively.

Earlier in the day John McAllion, the Dumfries-based

frontbencher who resigned in protest from the Blair team on Thursday, repeated his complaint that the policy switch had been imposed by the party leadership in London — breaking a cross-party agreement on the proposed assembly in Edinburgh. Mr Blair then took his fight to a potentially hostile audience of Scottish activists.

After being booed by left-wingers as he arrived at Edinburgh university, Mr Blair insisted his revised package, worked on in secret for months by key allies, was a "not if, not whether, but how" blueprint. It was designed "to make devolution a reality and destroy the scurrilous and dishonest campaign against it" by John Major's ministers.

Mr McAllion and his allies fear voters are being sent "a clear signal" to vote No to taxing powers they consider vital to the assembly's success.

Mr Blair will lead the campaign for them himself, he promised yesterday.

Deriding "tired and easy clichés" of U-turns and betrayal — and accusing Scotland's media of a hysterical reaction that was out of touch with voters — Mr Blair insisted he was deliberately trying to be frank with voters.

"I know, and given the broken promises of the Tory years, can hardly be surprised, that people raise the issue of trust... really trust is built by saying what we really mean to do," he said.

Ironically, trust was at the core of Mr McAllion's complaint at his press conference yesterday. Though he pledged himself to work hard for a Labour government — and Mr Blair said he still hoped to see Mr McAllion in his ministerial team — the ardent devolutionist MP argued the party had "lost control of our own policy".

Not only was the tax-raising power central to the assembly package agreed with other parties in the six-year Scottish Constitutional Convention, the decision to grant a two-question referendum had been imposed on the Labour Party without consultation. It would lead to demands for more questions to be added, he predicted.

Mr Blair and his allies were expecting this week's storm, which also prompted the resignation of Lord Harry Ewing as co-chairman of the convention. But they believe it will

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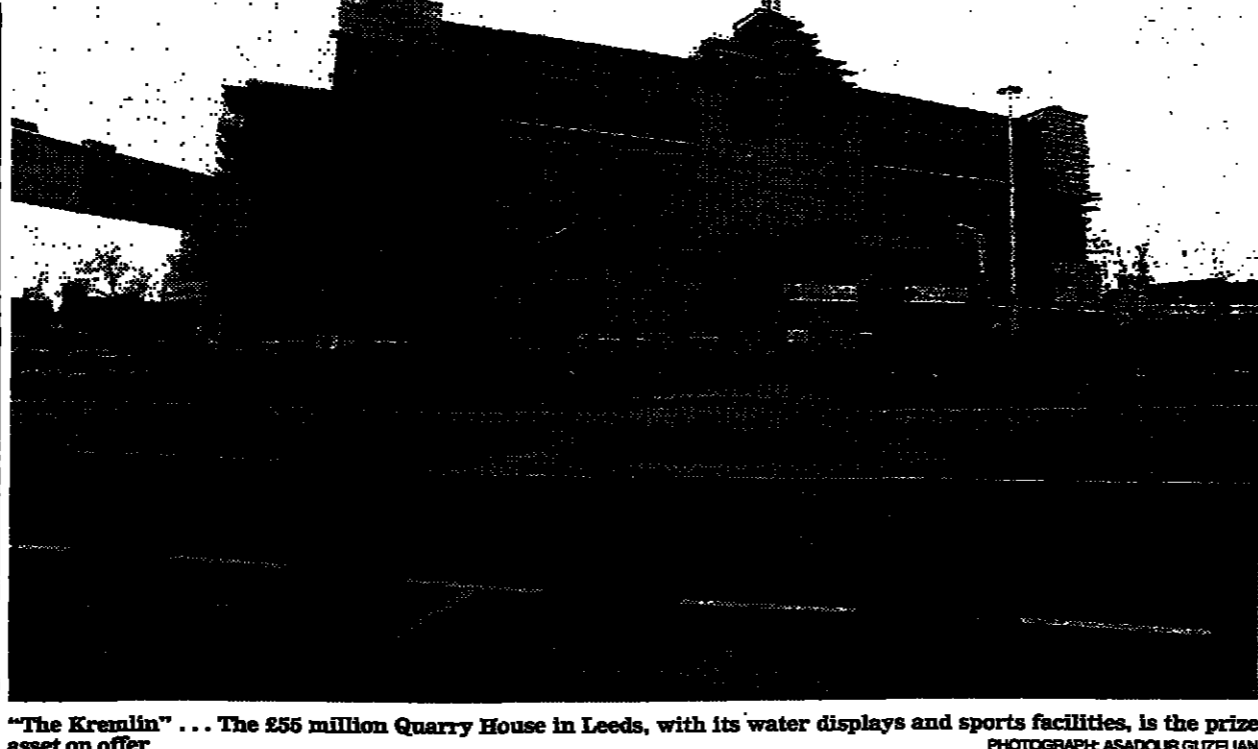
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DSS buildings for sale to raise £4bn

700 local benefit offices to be transferred to private sector

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

THE Government yesterday announced the sale of 700 local benefit offices and other Department of Social Security buildings in an attempt to raise an estimated £4 billion for Treasury coffers.



'The Kremlin'... The £56 million Quarry House in Leeds, with its water displays and sports facilities, is the prize asset on offer

water displays, a swimming pool, squash courts, a gym and a sports hall. Disposal of the estate, codenamed Project Prime, is being described officially as one of the largest and most complicated property transactions ever conducted.

Norway defies attempt to halt whaling as delegates walk out of international meeting

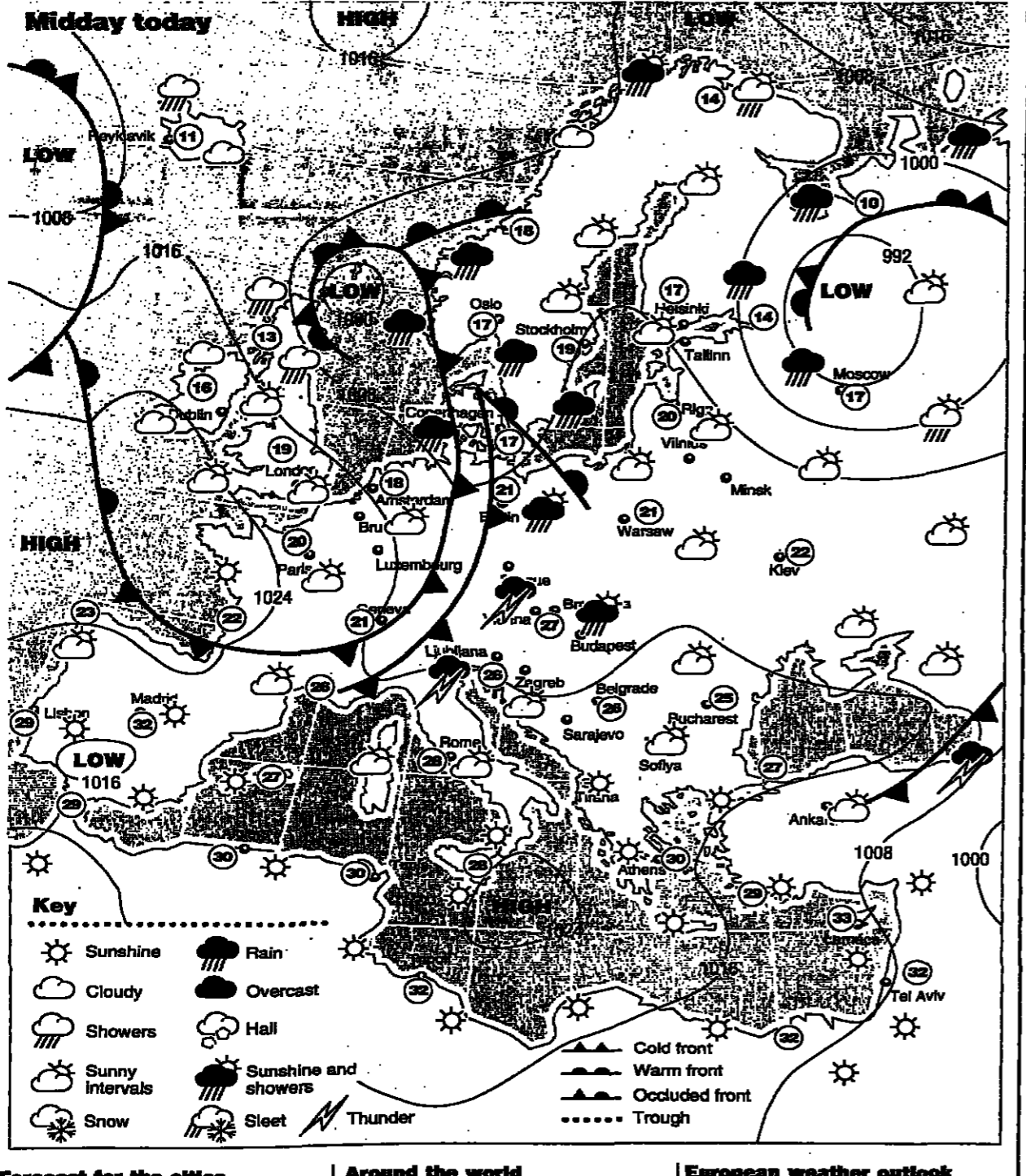
Paul Brown, Environment Correspondent

NORWAY'S delegates walked out of the International Whaling Commission's meeting in Aberdeen yesterday, after refusing to listen to demands for their country to stop commercial whaling.

stop commercial whaling. The 14-strong delegation left one member behind to vote against a resolution calling for an immediate halt to commercial whaling operations, and controls to stop Norwegian fishermen smuggling whale meat to Japan.

Norway claims there are 114,000 minke in the northeast Atlantic stock, and the government fixed a quota of 426 to kill this year. The issue is highly charged politically in Norway where the government of Gro Harlem Brundtland relies on the voters of the northern whaling communities for power.

The weather in Europe



Forecast for the cities table with columns for Today, Tomorrow, and Wednesday, listing weather conditions and temperatures for major European cities.

Around the world and European weather outlook tables, providing weather forecasts for various global locations and a detailed outlook for Europe.

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Doctor infected with HIV told to work in secret

John von Radowitz

A HEALTH authority in Britain yesterday demanded its doctor advise a doctor infected with HIV to continue working while keeping his condition a secret.

Dr Logie retired to Africa in 1991 after more than 15 years at Peel Hospital and the Borders general hospital. Three years ago while working as a physician in Zambia he was infected with HIV as he was a needle injury. He returned to Britain the same year and worked as a locum at a number of hospitals, including Borders general, Stornoway, Oban county, Lorn and Islands district, Western general and the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Dumfries and Dr Logie's in Douglas, Isle of Man.

Television and radio - Saturday

A detailed grid of television and radio programming for Saturday, listing channels, times, and program titles.

Large advertisement for 'Paper 'k' featuring a portrait of a man and text promoting 'Five heat full blast a hot water strapping on static'.

July 1st 1996

'Moment of truth' for Karadzic

Julian Borger in Pale

CARL BILDT, the chief international mediator in Bosnia, yesterday threatened Yugoslavia and the Bosnian Serbs with the reimposition of sanctions if the separatist leader, Radovan Karadzic, did not resign this weekend.

But Mr Karadzic put on a show of bravado, feigning indifference to the outside world as he appeared at a party rally yesterday in his village stronghold of Pale, dressed in a dinner jacket and bow tie and vowing not to yield to pressure.

The Dayton peace agreement signed in December bans Mr Karadzic, and all other indicted war criminals, from holding public office, but the former psychiatrist has so far defied international hopes and predictions of his political demise.

But after a fortnight of shuttle diplomacy between Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, and other Bosnian Serb leaders in Pale, Mr Bildt's aides say he is confident "the moment of truth" has finally arrived.

His spokesman, Colum Murphy, told journalists: "The screws will tighten on Radovan Karadzic... Our expectation is that he will step down this weekend."

He said Mr Bildt, the international community's High Representative in Bosnia, would "have no hesitation whatsoever about triggering sanctions if there is no compliance over the weekend... The deadline will be July 1."

Leaders of the Group of Seven countries are expected to send a "very strong" signal seeking Mr Karadzic's departure in their summit communiqué today. But diplomats said the threat of renewed sanctions would be more likely to be directed at the Bosnian Serbs than at Belgrade.

Mr Karadzic showed no outward signs of relinquishing his hold on power yesterday. His entrance into a conference of his Serb Democratic

Party (SDS) was stage-managed to milk maximum applause from the 600 delegates gathered in a converted factory canteen to hear his thoughts on the future.

He said the Bosnian Serbs would only survive if they were led "by those who won't betray them and those who are not making their decisions under fear, and who are neither impressed by force nor threat."

Backstage, Mr Karadzic's political advisor, Jovan Zambetica, predicted that he would still be president on Monday: "President of the SDS and of Republika Srpska."

Earlier this week, Mr Karadzic threatened to stand as a candidate in September's elections unless the international community guarantees the security of Serb-held territory in Bosnia and hands control of the contested town of Brcko to the Bosnian Serbs.

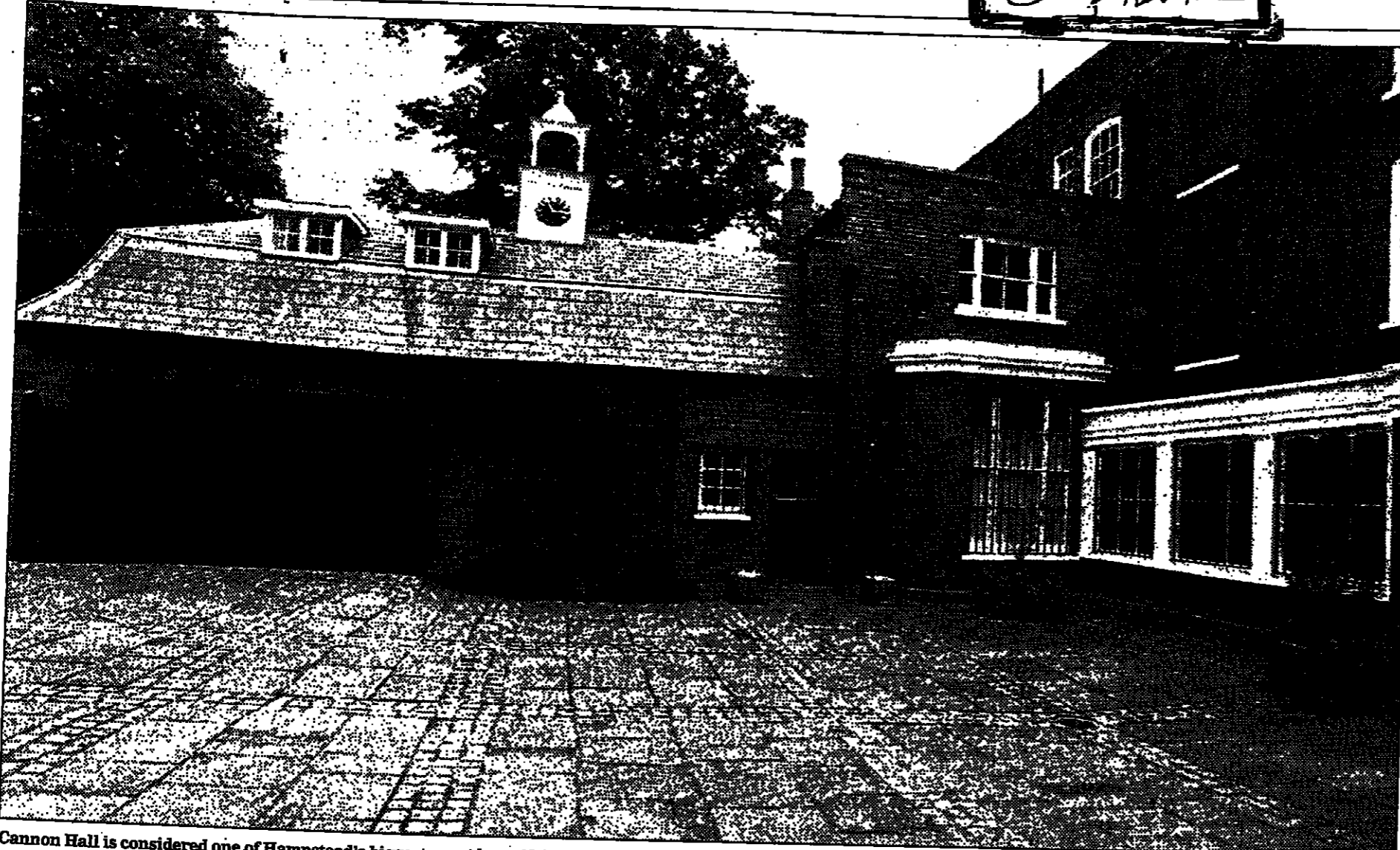
Mr Murphy said yesterday that Mr Bildt and the international community refused to consider any conditions.

In Strasbourg, the Council of Europe, reiterating international concerns, said the Bosnian Serb leadership represented "an insurmountable obstacle to the achievement of a pluralistic and multi-ethnic society."

The Pale leadership has organised demonstrations to prevent Muslim refugees from returning to their pre-war homes in Serb territory, and has resisted attempts to break the SDS grip on radio and television in the run-up to the elections.

The United Nations tribunal in The Hague has indicted Mr Karadzic and the Bosnian Serb military leader Ratko Mladic for genocide and crimes against humanity. It is currently hearing evidence against both men in support of its calls for their arrest.

So far, the 60,000-strong Nato-led peacekeeping force in Bosnia (I-For) has refused to mount an operation to capture them, saying only that it would arrest them and more than 60 other wanted war criminals still at large if it came across them in the course of normal duties.



Cannon Hall is considered one of Hampstead's biggest, most beautiful and historic houses — but there's no room in the garage to park a Jag

PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID SILLITOE

Du Maurier's latest tale of woe

The angry notables of Hampstead again prepare to defend its artistic heritage

Sarah Boseley

A ROOM in a historic north London house, where the fledgling novelist Daphne du Maurier used to hide herself away from her family for her first attempts at romantic fiction, is in danger of being gutted to make way for the new owner's Jag.

Hampstead is outraged. The close-knit community of artists and writers — and Boy George — ranks the Du Maurier family among its more prestigious former members.

Canon Hall, home for 18 years to Daphne's scribbling manager father, Sir Gerald du Maurier, is considered one of the biggest, most beautiful and historic houses in the hilly enclave.

But the elegant detached home, built in 1720, does not quite suit new Hampstead man — Lloyd Dorfman, the entrepreneur owner of the international foreign-currency business Travelax, who paid £2.5 million for it last month.

Mr Dorfman and his wife are said to have "fallen in love with it precisely because of its architectural distinctiveness and historical importance."

But darling, you should see the garage. No room to park a Land Rover, or even a Jag — and Mr Dorfman has both.

The present garage was once the stables. Next to it, adjoining the house, is a courtroom. The privileged owner of Cannon Hall in the 18th century was inevitably the chief magistrate, so naturally it was convenient to be able to step next door after breakfast to sentence a few villains.

By Sir Gerald's time, the tradition had faded. The first ever stage Captain Hook in J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan — who so much loved the high-life that he sold his name to Du Maurier cigarettes and took bit parts in lousy films to pay the bills — held the most terrific parties.

Tennis parties were all the rage, so the courtroom was used as a gentleman's changing room. And when it wasn't, Daphne slipped in there to write.

A planning application to turn it into a garage — and another to put a 40ft swimming pool in the garden — is now before Camden council, to the horror of the Heath and Old Hampstead Society, which once boasted Sir Gerald as a member and his wife on the committee.



Daphne was wont to write in the courtroom which her father, Sir Gerald, used as a changing room for tennis parties

Paper 'knows murderer'

£100,000 reward in hunt for killers of Irish reporter

David Sharrock
Ireland Correspondent

A REWARD of £100,000 was yesterday offered for information leading to the conviction of the killers of Irish reporter Veronica Guerin, as opposition parties called for a state of emergency to deal with the republic's law and order crisis.

Independent Newspapers, for whom Ms Guerin worked as a crime correspondent until her murder on Wednesday, said the reward would be paid "for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of those responsible for the murder of Veronica".

Blair wins crucial vote on devolution

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blow over quickly as pre-election party discipline reasserts itself.

Senior Tories are less likely to challenge and yesterday the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, and his Welsh counterpart, William Hague, issued "10 Questions for Tony Blair".

They believe Labour's tactical shift is ill thought out and will rebound, as do most SNP and Plaid Cymru supporters, as well as some Liberal Democrats. Mr McAllion echoed the ministers' predictions that the quickie bill setting up the referendums early in a Blair parliament will itself run into trouble.

Five heaters, including the Belling Tango, are on full blast. Steam wooshes up from the kettle and a hot water bath. Through the haze, two pink-faced, strapping hockey internationals are grimly pedalling on static exercise cycles.

Peter Kingston, Outlook page 15



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JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY

4 BRITAIN

Death by ecstasy no deterrent

Nick Varley

MORE than half of all ecstasy users would continue taking the drug even if someone they knew died after doing so, according to a new survey.

Only 46.5 per cent of those questioned in what is claimed to be Britain's biggest investigation into the behaviour of ecstasy users would stop or have stopped after a fatality.

But the figure contrasts sharply with the number who would stop at their parents' behest: 8.4 per cent.

The survey, conducted by Manchester-based drug agency Lifeline and dance music magazine Mixmag, also revealed that the majority of clubbers were ecstasy users.

More than 80 per cent of the 4,000 respondents were taking the drug, despite highly-publicised cases, such as the death of Leah Betts.

Four out of 10 were weekly users, 26.1 per cent fortnightly and 21.3 per cent monthly, while 12 per cent took it less frequently.

Almost a third said they would continue to take ecstasy for four years or more. More than 40 per cent said they first took it more than four years ago.

Andy Pemberton, deputy editor of Mixmag, said he was surprised at the long periods people were taking the drug.

"It seemed safe to say that people took it for 18 months, got bored and stopped. But it seems to be far more of a way of life than that."

The survey, compiled from a questionnaire run in the magazine, attracted replies from 15 to 51-year-olds.

It found that the majority of respondents got information about drugs from friends and magazines, a quarter from dealers — slightly more than from drugs agencies — and just 3.3 per cent from parents.

More than six out of 10 felt ecstasy should be legalised, allowing the introduction of purity-testing booths in clubs, a feature seen at some Dutch venues.

Alan Haughton, of Lifeline, said faith in testing was misplaced.

"They want someone to give them an assurance that these are drugs they are not going to die from."

"Well, you can't have anything like that guarantee."

"Testing might reduce people's anxiety but it probably won't reduce the number of deaths. The whole testing debate is a red herring," he said.

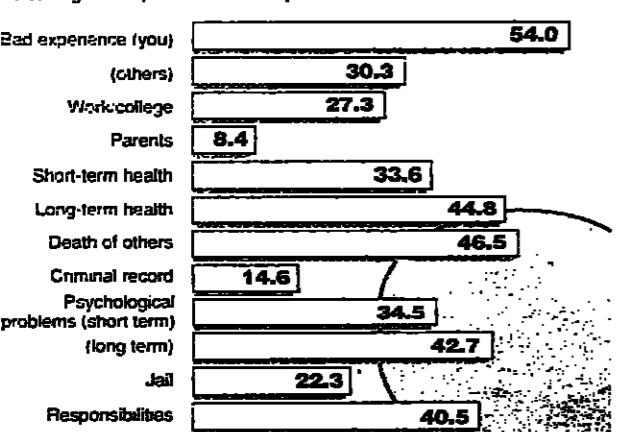
Both the agency and the magazine want to see more research into ecstasy use and its long-term effects.

Mr Pemberton said: "If you could turn around to people and say: 'You've got a reasonable chance of getting Parkinson's Disease or suffering depression in the long term', that's what would stop practically everybody."

"But no-one can say that because there hasn't been that research yet. I think a lot of people think the Government has a second agenda of controlling their leisure activities for some reason."

Ecstasy: why you'd stop

Reasons why you have stopped or may stop taking ecstasy. Percentage of respondents from a questionnaire



Two of the Leningrad Cowboys, a Finnish group which claims to be the worst rock 'n' roll band in the world and which parodies the clichés of rock stardom with unicorn hair styles and half-metre long pointed shoes, is appearing today at the South Bank Centre, London, with the Red Army Chorus and Dance Ensemble

Human error peril in smear test 'Kindly uncle' of Bond films dies

Guidelines 'should end cervical screening problems soon', Sarah Boseley reports

INEXPERIENCE and human error are the most frequent reasons for the mistakes in cervical smear tests which oblige hospitals to recall women and repeat the tests, causing anxiety and inconvenience for hundreds of people.

Screening is not an exact science and clinical workers do not always recognise what abnormal cells look like under the microscope. Some also make simple errors: one GP admitted doing smears with his finger, and another told a nurse to use a tongue depressor instead of a special spatula to take a smear of tissue from the patient's cervix.

One problem has been that screeners have not seen suffi-

cient slides of abnormal cells to recognise them easily. Recent guidelines lay down that they should screen at least 3,000 slides a year — and no more than 7,500 for fear that tiredness could impair their analysis.

Altogether three sets of guidelines have been issued in the last year in the hope of improving the screening of slides in laboratories. Katherine Luke, deputy co-ordinator of the NHS cervical screening programme, said yesterday the guidelines should soon put an end to the scandals.

"We fully expect once they are fully implemented we will stop seeing these situations. By October this year we would expect to see a signifi-

cant improvement." She was speaking after the latest scare in Norfolk, where the laboratory of the James Pagett Hospital NHS Trust is now re-examining about 8,200 slides which may possibly have been mis-read. Women will be recalled for a further smear if any of the slides are found to have been misinterpreted.

Meanwhile, the Cancer Research Campaign said yesterday that the tests saved lives and urged women not to opt out of the tests. "Don't be put off having a smear — more than likely it will work properly, and it is a very curable cancer."

The charity is worried that women will lose confidence in the tests. Professor Gordon McVie, the director general, said: "When this happens it creates a lot of unnecessary anxiety and brings into question the validity of a service

which we know is worthwhile and which saves lives."

Regular screening in Nordic countries and in parts of Scotland, where nearly all women underwent a test, had dramatically cut the number of deaths. His advice to women was: "For goodness sake make an appointment and keep it."

There are almost 1,700 deaths from cervical cancer each year in Britain. Women are called for tests every three or five years, depending on the area of the country. Mortality rates have dropped from 88 per million in 1972 to 63 per million in 1992, although most of that progress will have been made after 1988 when the national programme came into full effect.

But human error in recognising abnormalities on the slide has always been a problem.

Helen Nowicka

PRODUCER Cubby Broccoli, the man behind the James Bond films, died aged 87 at his Beverly Hills home on Thursday night after suffering heart problems for a number of years.

Christened Albert but nicknamed Cubby in his early Hollywood days after a cartoon character, he produced 17 Bond films — including the latest, Goldeneye — which have earned more than \$1 billion worldwide.

Honor Blackman, who played Pussy Galore in Goldfinger, described him as a "lovely man", adding: "He was always the gentle, kindly uncle of the Bond films."

Former Bond actor Roger Moore said of his "dear friend of 35 years": "He was a fine human being... loved by every single member of my crew he employed."

Desmond Llewelyn, who has played "gadgets man" Q in 15 Bond films, said Broccoli was responsible for the success of the series. "He was in control... and of course he was always proved right."

Broccoli was already a producer when, with then partner Harry Saltzman, he bought the rights to Ian Flem-

ing's books about the suave spy. In 1962 he got United Artists to finance the first film, Dr No, starring Sean Connery, which was a huge hit. Reflecting on Broccoli's phenomenal success with the Bond films, Gordon Arnel, of his London-based production company Eon Productions, said: "He was the father of the series and will be sorely missed."

Broccoli, a committed Anglophile, made more than 30 films here, including Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and was awarded the OBE in 1987.

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Cubby Broccoli... bought rights to Fleming's books

Scares

- IN FEBRUARY, it was revealed that 7,000 women may have been given wrong test results after 70,000 slides were re-examined at Kent and Canterbury hospital. A problem was detected last October when 125 women whose previous smears were negative had abnormalities detected on

further tests. None has developed cancer.

- In March 1994, 300 women in Blackpool were called in for smear tests because of a GP's wrong technique.

- In October 1993, 200 women were invited for new tests after a GP admitted taking samples with his finger. In the same month, 700 women in Gateshead were told their GP had used a wrong technique.

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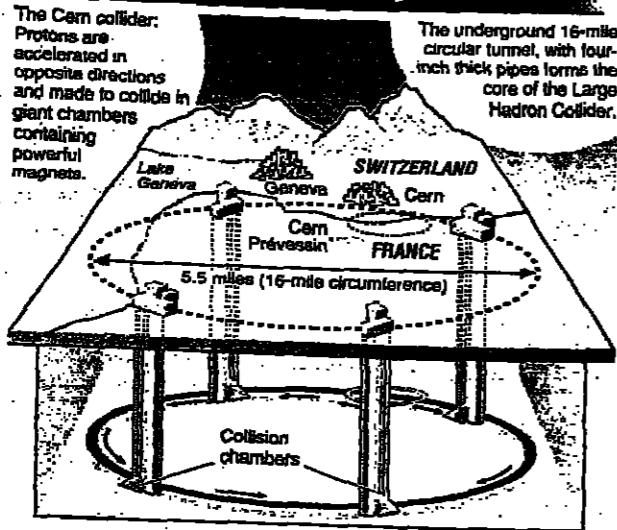
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Boy's death for activity

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On a collision course



Under Geneva tomorrow, particle physicists will see whether £180m spent on upgrading equipment to go back to start of time in an 18-mile tube has been well spent

Big Bang Mk II as universe is reborn in a pipe

Ruaridh Nicoll

DEEP under Geneva a four-inch thick pipe runs in an 18-mile loop. Inside the tube, tomorrow, the universe will be reborn. An electron and a positron will race off in opposite directions at almost the speed of light, spinning past each other 11,400 times every second until a scientist tweaks a magnet and brings them on to a collision course, annihilating them in a fireball of energy.

And for an instant, when that energy becomes mass under Einstein's great rule that $E=MC^2$, traces of the mass spreading outwards will be spotted by computers and transferred to the screens of the scientists steeped in the obscurity of particle physics. In the patterns they will find — they hope — secrets as yet untold about the universe in which we live.

The scientists at Cern, the European Particle Physics Laboratory where the tests are carried out, spent the winter upgrading their particle collider. After a few hitches, they found a couple of empty Heineken bottles stuffed in the tube proving the beer really can reach parts that others cannot, they think they can plume the particles together in a far greater burst of energy than has ever been achieved before.

Only at the dawn of time, when the universe was born in a burst of infinite energy, have conditions such as these existed. And it is only at this moment, a minuscule fraction of a second after the Big Bang,

that the scientists think a whole universe, unknown until now, can be briefly glimpsed.

What they will look for are supersymmetrical particles, a dark world mirroring all known particles which some believe makes up 90 per cent of the universe.

Particle physicists have found the basic building blocks of the universe; those things from which everything we can detect are built. They have also found the force particles that move these building blocks around.

Chris Llewellyn-Smith, director general of Cern, compares the two types of particle

Only at the dawn of time, have conditions such as these existed

to rugby players running up the field and passing a ball between them. The matter particles are the players and the force particle is the ball that travels between them.

Without the force particles the sun would not shine as it does, a weak force allowing a steady rate of burn that keeps us alive. Work surges forward to identify more of these particles, allowing the physicists to understand what makes the universe develop.

But when the electron and positron are fired, destroying each other, it is the appearance of parallel universe made up of supersymmetrical particles that would cause the greatest sensation.

"There are all sorts of things out there which we are not aware of because they don't interact with us," said Kenneth Peach, of the University of Edinburgh. Supersymmetrical particles only interact when the energy reaches these incredible high levels and Cern's massive collider may provide a window on to this alternative world.

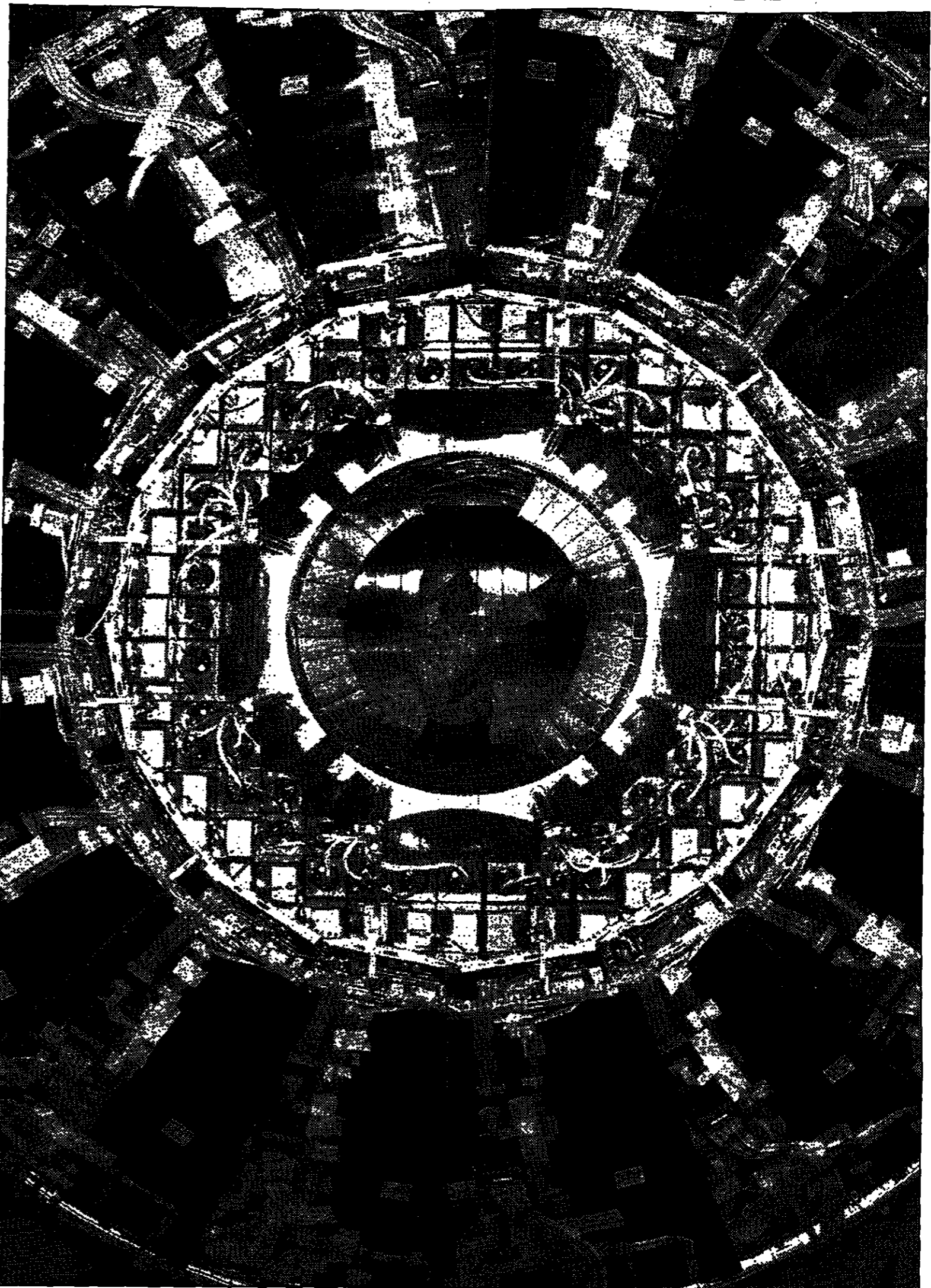
While some complain that opening up a world that has little effect on us is a waste of money (the upgrade alone cost £180 million), the scientists say it is important not to dismiss its promise. "Without supersymmetrical particles the galaxies could not have crystallised," said one.

Somewhat the supersymmetrical particles have collected differently from the normal particles and so 90 per cent of the mass of the universe seems invisible in the form of the dark matter.

At the beginning of time everything in the universe existed in roughly equal measures. As the universe spread out and cooled, the particles' differing characteristics warped their impact on the known universe. Cern is looking deeper into that Big Bang where all the answers lie.

But even if the first of the supersymmetrical particles shows up on Cern's computers it is unlikely that the riddle of the universe will suddenly be solved. Nature rarely is that obvious.

Despite the experiment, Mr Llewellyn-Smith believes they have still got far to go. "We are still on the foothills of the mountain," he said. "But now we think there are a few features above us that we may be able to see."



Tunnel vision... A technician works on the testing facility beneath Geneva as Cern prepares to recreate the birth of time. PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID PARKER

Boy's death prompts calls for activity group licences

SAFETY campaigners yesterday called for tougher rules on outdoor activities involving children after a 13-year-old boy died during a trip to the Yorkshire Dales.

The British Safety Council (BSC) said the Government should ensure that schools or voluntary groups organising outdoor activities were licensed.

Officials said government regulations published earlier this year forced only commercial operators to be licensed.

Richard Barber, of Baildon, West Yorkshire, died on Thursday during a visit to waterfalls at Buckden Ghyll, Buckden, North Yorkshire.

Teachers from Ladderhanks Middle School in Baildon searched for the teenager when he became separated from the party. They found his body in a waterfall pool. A teacher tried to resuscitate him but a doctor at the scene pronounced him dead.

The BSC said the safety record of non-commercial providers of outdoor activities

was noticeably worse than commercial operators.

Fifteen children had died on activity trips organised by voluntary groups in the past 20 years, said officials. That compared with nine on trips with commercial groups.

"Richard's death is a tragedy and my heart goes out to his family and school," said BSC director-general James Tye.

"We must look again at the rules covering schools and other voluntary groups. The BSC wants anyone running outdoor activities to be licensed and everyone involved in them to be properly trained," he said.

Richard was an assistant patrol leader of his local scout group. His father, Chris, an outdoor skills instructor and assistant scout leader, said Richard had been a boy filled with "life and spirit".

"If blame lies anywhere, we want to know where. Like any parent of any child, we want to know what happened," Mr Barber said.

Passengers on stricken cruiser praise rescuers

PASSENGERS from a stricken Russian cruise ship last night praised the emergency services for their "magnificent" handling of a 10-hour sea drama.

They were speaking after the 4,264-tonne Alla Tarasova docked in Peterhead harbour after drifting in the North Sea with a flooded engine room.

The Yugoslav-built ship had been on a 14-day cruise from Leith, Lothian, to Iceland when it ran into trouble off north eastern Scotland.

It drifted as four helicopters and three lifeboats stood by in case the 71 passengers and 68 crew had to be evacuated.

As passengers, including Britons and Americans, left the ship, banker Sandra Gardner, 47, from San Francisco, said: "The RAF and all the emergency services were magnificent."

Passengers first became aware of a problem when the ship's engines stopped, she said.

Take That idol relights the ire with home truths

Nick Varley

IN the words of one of their songs, it only takes a minute to fall in love. For Take That, however, such instant attraction clearly only ever existed in their lyrics.

As Britain's most successful teen band, their image was one of wholesome lads — best of friends on and off stage.

Now the bitter recriminations which have marked the real feelings behind the winning smiles and eight number one singles.

Former member Robbie Williams, the lead singer, whose departure presaged the group's split, said: "I never really liked them."

Chief target in his first solo interview was main songwriter Gary Barlow, who put his side of the story in a separate interview. "The only black sheep amongst us is Robbie.

He's the only one we don't talk to," he said. He had "betrayed" the band with his attacks in the press.

Barlow added: "At least the pair agree on one thing: Take That were not the innocent boys next door, as portrayed."

"They didn't like me because I was liked. There was a lot of jealousy and envy there. I dialked them because, to me at least, they seemed — with the exception of little Mark [Owen] — selfish, arrogant and thick."

— Robbie Williams (left)

"He'd lost that boy-next-door thing and he wanted to be a celebrity. The only black sheep amongst us is Robbie. He's the only one we don't talk to."

— Gary Barlow (right)

According to Williams, in an interview with *Attitude* magazine, groupies were common. "I slept with a lot of girls when I was with the band. But eventually it gets dull. It's no way to treat people." Describing his audition to join Take

That, Williams said: "From day one I felt I was being deliberately ostracised. You sit down and you see this guy with spiky hair, looking really pissed dated in these horrible tracksuit bottoms and shitty trainers, and a briefcase and

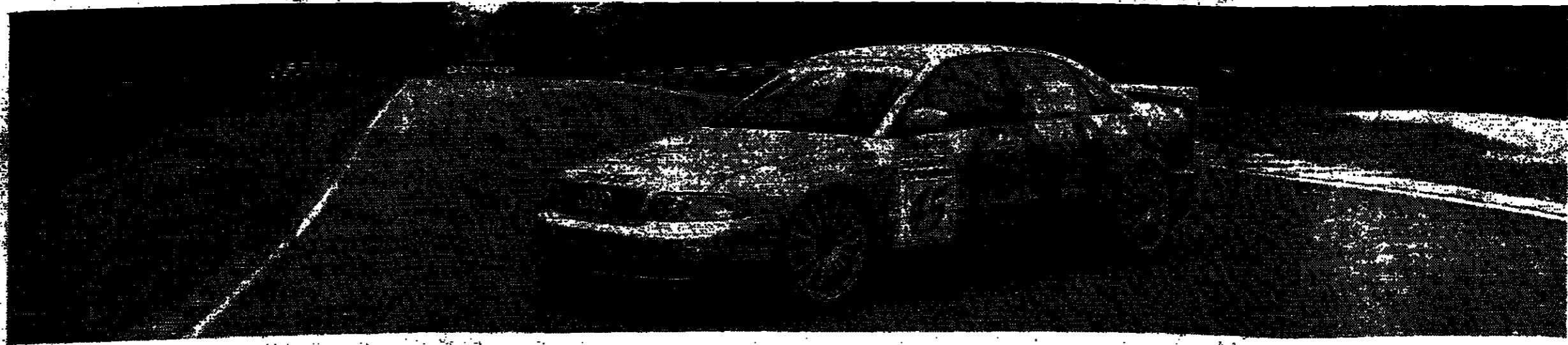
music score sheets. And this bloke, this clueless w***ker says: "I write the songs because I'm Gary Barlow."

Yesterday, in another twist, Williams, aged 22, said at a music industry charity lunch he was disgusted with himself for his comments about Barlow, aged 25.

"I was very bitter at the time, but I have a lot of love for Gary. I'm a bit depressed about it. I just want to see him and say hello."

Take That broke up in February, seven months after Williams's departure. Barlow's debut solo single will be released next week. Williams's single follows three weeks later.

Both know former members of teen bands are not renowned for career longevity. And both are keen for fans to borrow another song title — to never forget. They are probably beginning to wish they could.



Fortunately, the road-going version is smoother, somewhat quieter, and fits neatly through your letterbox.

Islamic party to rule Turkey

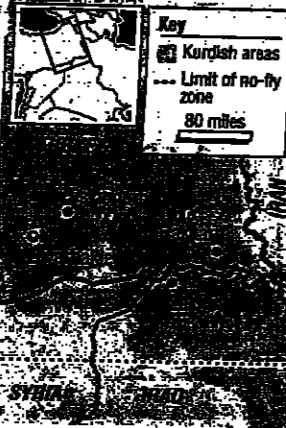
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Flagging the homeland... A Kurdish woman hangs out washing over the rubble of her house in the Barzan valley in northern Iraq, near the Turkish border. Turkey's army is accused of destroying dozens of villages PHOTOGRAPHS: MIKE GOLDWATER

Turkey tightens noose around Kurds

As Ankara steps up its incursions against separatist guerrillas in northern Iraq - with villagers caught in the crossfire - OWEN BOWCOTT reports on the diplomatic crisis that threatens the unity of the anti-Saddam alliance



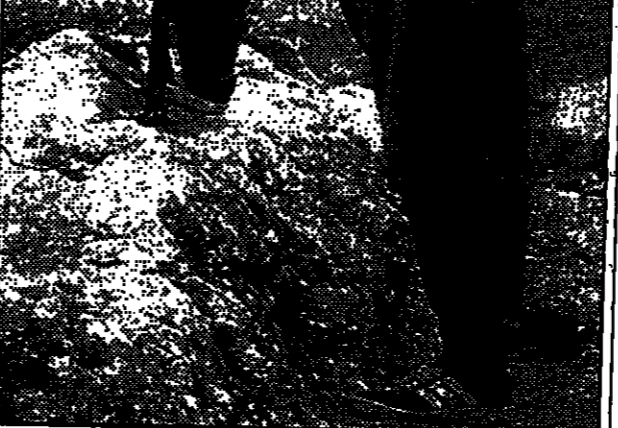
by rocket-firing Cobra helicopters and Turkish air force bombardments. In Zakho, the centre of Operation Provide Comfort in northern Iraq, where the local administration has already erected statues to Kurdish historical figures, the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) is becoming increasingly irritated by the raids. While the KDP insists it does not advocate full Kurdish independence and is more concerned with the threat of Iraqi aggression, its relations with Turkey are becoming difficult.

The PKK is not our problem," insists Abdul Aziz, the KDP spokesman who was a headmaster when Saddam Hussein's regime controlled the north. "There are mobile PKK camps in the mountains and we do not have the power to remove them. The Turkish army has recently shelled 19 villages in the north of Iraq, many of which were rebuilt by foreign aid organisations. Those people in the villages are poor. The Turks know the villages are not helping the PKK."

But Mr Aziz recognises Turkey's crucial role in providing the airbase at Incirlik from which United States, British, French and Turkish jets enforce the no-fly zone in northern Iraq. "If the allies stay, then Saddam will never dare enter the Kurdish areas." Those who watch developments from the skies above the Mesopotamian plains are also anxious about the distances involved. Brigadier-General Donald Lamontagne, the US air force officer commanding Operation Provide Comfort at Incirlik, admits it would be difficult to fly from Jordan or Cyprus if the Turkish government ended the mandate to use the airbase. "Look at the geography, if you are going to enforce a no-fly zone in Iraq," he says. "Even if Syria gave permission for over-flying, if you

move the operating base further away it becomes harder, though it does not become unfeasible." Turkey's security council temporarily extended the mandate until the end of July, to give time for a coalition government to be formed in Ankara - a coalition centred yesterday between the Islamist Welfare Party of Necmettin Erbakan and the True Path Party of the former prime minister, Tansu Ciller. Some generals have reportedly argued that Provide Comfort - or Paired Hammer, as they call it - allows them the access to establish a south Lebanon-style security zone in northern Iraq to insulate Turkey from the PKK. As well as straining its relations with the UN combined force, the Turkish government's record in the war against the PKK threatens to sour the country's hopes of joining the European Union. Granted membership of the EU's customs union on January 1, Ankara is about to face a series of judgments in the European Court of Human Rights on its alleged destruction of Kurdish villages.

The army's campaign, developed as a counter-insurgency tactic to deny the PKK support and refuge in the mountains, has resulted in brutal killings, forced migration, disappearances, arbitrary arrests and plunder of property, according to the London-based Kurdish Human Rights Project (KHRP). The policy has been enforced in such a widespread and systematic manner that between 2,500 and 3,000 villages have been demolished in south-east Turkey since 1983. The violence, which has destabilised the region and driven away tourist business, has forced an estimated 2 million people to flee their homes and settle in shanty towns in Diyarbakir, Istanbul and the western coast, according to a KHRP report. The Destruction of Villages in South-East Turkey, published this month. The issue is likely to be raised again next week, when a team of investigators from the European Commission for Human Rights in Strasbourg travels to Turkey to interview displaced villagers and security officials to examine



On guard... A peshmerga guerrilla surveys the Kurdish enclave in Iraq shielded from Baghdad by the no-fly zone

claims of recent army atrocities. One recent case in the village of Hiskamerg, 40 miles north-west of Diyarbakir, illustrates the treatment of farmers caught between the PKK and the army. One local, Mehdi Ari, who was last seen heading for the mountains weighed down with Kalashnikov rifles stolen from Turkish soldiers has become celebrated among Kurdish refugees for standing up to the army. Interviewed in Diyarbakir earlier this month, a farmer from Hiskamerg explained that the government had tried for years to recruit villagers as paramilitary village guards and "collaborators" to fight the PKK. "Soldiers, and village guards from nearby Huseyna village, have regularly intimidated us. But no one wanted to betray the Kurdish people," the farmer said, nervously twisting prayer beads in his hand. "Many of us have been arrested and held in prison. They have sometimes burnt down houses and mixed our food - wheat, barley, sugar - and detergent all into one pile on the ground."

On the evening of May 28, the village guards from Huseyna again raided the 60 mud-brick houses which form Hiskamerg. "Two of those carrying Kalashnikovs and grenades went on ahead. The first person they came across was Mehdi Ari. They told him to point out houses where there were PKK supporters. But he invited the two men to his hut, made them tea and encouraged them to relax. They left their guns in one corner, so he seized the chance, picked up a Kalashnikov and shot them both dead. Then he called everyone together and told them to get out before the army arrived. "We all left by tractors or ran away on foot. By midnight, Hiskamerg was empty. Most of us came to Diyarbakir or hid in other villages." No one had been back since, the farmer said. They were too scared. But for two days, neighbouring villages reported, thick, acrid smoke drifted from the direction of Hiskamerg. Asked what had happened, the governor of Diyarbakir province, Necati Bilican, said: "All these incidents are slan-

derous. There are many settlements far away from the city with 10 or 15 houses. The terrorists are raiding them, taking their food and killing them if they don't help. Our security forces cannot be everywhere. The PKK are killing doctors and teachers and burning villages. That is why people are fleeing to the cities." To reinforce his point, a press secretary handed out labelled photographs showing mutilated bodies, charred remains and blooded corpses - said to be the work of the PKK. Turkey's Human Rights Association (IHD) agrees that the PKK have killed village teachers and burnt schools for allegedly disseminating pro-government propaganda. But the IHD office in Diyarbakir has received numerous reports of the army burning Hiskamerg.

The State of Emergency Decree 430-B of 1987, an IHD spokesman said, gives regional governors powers to "evacuate human settlements". Attempts to reach Hiskamerg were foiled by security checkpoints and taxi drivers too scared to drive off the main road into the hills. At nearby Silvan, the same story was told about the killings in Hiskamerg. "Mehdi Ari wasn't a member of the PKK," the farmer insisted. "He was just a Kurdish patriot. Now we cannot go back to our homes." Tehran protested to Ankara yesterday about alleged Turkish cross-border attacks on suspected Kurdish bases in Iran. State-run Tehran Radio said Turkish troops backed by two helicopters struck Iranian border villages this week, killing six Iranians and wounding 15. In Turkey, the office of the joint chiefs of the general staff denied the attacks on Iranian villages, saying Turkish troops had opened fire on Kurdish rebels trying to infiltrate from Iran.

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Lingfield tonight

6.30 Pinnacle Affair
7.00 Club
7.30 Member News

6.30 AFFRON APPRENTICE HANDICAP 1m of 100yds £2,470
1-0-2040 LAMBERT (7) (2) P Herts 7-10-0 J. Sheehy (2) 4-4

7.00 LYVO SHAWL HANDBICAP 1m of 100yds £2,427
1-0-2033 CHAKALAK (4) (2) D Dow 8-10-1 J. O'Brien (2) 9-4

7.30 BFC CRAWLEY MAIDEN STAKES 2YO of £2,328
1-0-2031 BARBER KINGS (2) P Col 9-10-0 J. O'Brien (2) 9-4

8.00 WREYFISH HANDBICAP of £2,306
1-0-20160 SPONGES (1) (2) P Herts 7-10-0 J. Sheehy (2) 1

8.30 ONLY STAR CLAIMING STAKES 2YO of £2,184
1-0-20036 SCATHRYN (2) P Herts 7-10-0 J. Sheehy (2) 9-4

9.00 STEERING COOK INTERNATIONAL MAIDEN STAKES 2YO of £1,758
1-0-20123 BATH BOBBY (2) P Herts 7-10-0 J. Sheehy (2) 9-4

Worcester (N.H.)
2.30 Courageous Knight
3.00 Darling Max
3.30 PUNCHION GALE (new)

Racing

Consolation time for Dushyantor in Ireland

THE re-match with Shaamit will have to wait for another day, but Dushyantor can show how unlucky he was when second in the Vodafone Derby by going one better in the Irish version at The Curragh tomorrow.

Statistics show that of the last 13 Epsom runners-up who have turned out at the Curragh, only three - El Gran Senor, Law Society and St Jovite - have gained consolation in the Irish Derby.

True, Dushyantor was within striking range of Shaamit when the latter quickened away two furlongs out. But Eddy had been unable to ride the race he wanted, owing to repeated being chopped off on several occasions.

Although Dushyantor had been run on Saturday, June 7, three weeks after the British Horseracing Board voted to scrap the race, the executives of Epsom racecourse have voted in favour of continuing with the Classic as a weekend fixture.

Alhaarth is blundered for the first time in public today and should not be written off yet. He reportedly had his problems on the run up to Epsom, when it is said blinkers were also tried at home without the desired effect.

Dr Massini, favourite for the Vodafone Derby until going lame (for a second time) just four days before the race, gets the chance to show Dushyantor was not the only one who has been let down.

Provided there is no jar in the ground, Snow Princess (3.50) is strongly fancied to maintain the improvement which saw her finish last season with a convincing victory in the November Handicap.

She is not well handicapped with Secret Service or Foundry Lane on that running, but another win - this time over two miles - at Doncaster last month suggested Snow Princess is still on the upgrade.

Newcastle with TV form

2.05 No Extravaganza
2.40 Options Open (new)
3.10 Double Spinach

Newmarket with TV form

2.30 Paddy Willow
3.00 Sturgeon
3.30 Sturgeon

Curragh Sunday BBC2 & C4

4.00 Ballymore Irish Derby 5YO colts & fillies 1m of £241,800
1-11-245 ALMAARTH W Herts 9-0 J. Sheehy (2) 9-4

Bath card

2.15 Kalkar Kacbe
2.50 Sophiam
3.30 Indian Relishes

2.15 WESTON MAIDEN AUTION STAKES 2YO of 141yds £2,388
1-0-20301 KASHER KACBE (1) K Mchale 8-10-1 J. Sheehy (2) 1

2.50 STAYERS SELLING HANDBICAP 2m of 141yds £2,210
1-0-20200 SOLAMIN (1) M Pops 4-10-2 J. Sheehy (2) 2-4

3.20 LITTLE SOMERFORD LIMITED STAKES 1m of 141yds £2,815
1-0-20200 SOLAMIN (1) M Pops 4-10-2 J. Sheehy (2) 2-4

3.55 BATHMAIDS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH HANDBICAP of £2,838
1-221-01 CONCORDE (4) (2) J. Sheehy (2) 1

4.30 CLAYTON CLAIMING HANDBICAP 1m of £2,188
1-2100-0 SWISSER BRADERS (2) (2) J. Sheehy (2) 9-4

5.00 ST JOHN ABBEY MAIDEN STAKES 1m of 144yds £2,781
1-0-20123 BATH BOBBY (2) P Herts 7-10-0 J. Sheehy (2) 9-4

Doncaster tonight

6.45 Lightfoot
7.15 Hugh Stone
7.45 Top Of The Form

7.15 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE HANDBICAP of £2,470
1-0-20200 SOLAMIN (1) M Pops 4-10-2 J. Sheehy (2) 2-4

7.45 WESTON MAIDEN STAKES 2YO of 141yds £2,388
1-0-20301 KASHER KACBE (1) K Mchale 8-10-1 J. Sheehy (2) 1

8.15 YORKSHIRE-TYNE TELEVISION MAIDEN STAKES 1m of 144yds £2,612
1-0-20123 BATH BOBBY (2) P Herts 7-10-0 J. Sheehy (2) 9-4

8.45 COLIN GODDARD MAIDEN STAKES HANDBICAP 1m of 141yds £2,470
1-0-20123 BATH BOBBY (2) P Herts 7-10-0 J. Sheehy (2) 9-4

9.15 STOKER MILLERS HANDBICAP 1m of 141yds £2,470
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Mysliv in Paris
MYSLIV, owned by Elite Racing, the largest syndicate of its kind in Britain, runs in tomorrow's French Champion Hurdle over 35 furlongs at Auteuil where she again meets Montyeric, who beat her a length and a half in the Prix la Barka earlier this month.

THE Paris course at Evry is to close as part of a deal between the racing authority and the French government who have agreed to help the financially-stricken industry in return for cost cutting measures. It was agreed that one or two tracks should close in return for financial support.

Doncaster tonight
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Tour de France

William Fotheringham reports from Den Bosch in southern Netherlands where today's time-trial launches the three-week epic

Jalabert and Co gun for Indurain

IN THE last decade the Tour de France has become the French rather than the British...

It is 11 years since a Frenchman last won the Tour de France...

Understandably perhaps, in view of the need to maintain home interest, the race organiser Jean-Marie Leblanc is among those who have tipped Jalabert as this year's challenger...

Flat-out prologue chance for Boardman to 'get something in the bag'

"INSURANCE" is how Britain's Chris Boardman describes this evening's prologue time-trial...

The Wirral rider will start the six-mile stage around Den Bosch in the knowledge that, if he wins and takes the race leader's yellow jersey...

The need to "get something in the bag", as he puts it, was what prompted Boardman to gamble everything on a flat-out bid for victory in the prologue last year...

The swarthy 27-year-old from Mazamet in southwestern France won no fewer than 30 races last year...

But the Indurain-Jalabert confrontation is more than the battle between the sport's finest all-rounder and its top specialist...

Another current ONCE rider, Melchor Mauri beat Indurain for the Tour of Spain back in 1991 and was sixth in last year's Tour...



This year Boardman will start the event which has become his speciality with-out the perfect form of last year or the specific build-up of 1994...

The Briton will doubtless be looking to dispel the cloud which has hung over his team since 1994...

their leader will do the business for them. Until Indurain started winning again this May not one of his servitors...

So while Jalabert is down as the team's leader over the next three weeks and 2,500 miles, he will not be the only ONCE man Indurain has to watch...

The managements are similarly chalk and cheese. At Banesto Jose Miguel Echavarri embodies the typical former professional who is adept at making on-the-road tactical deals...

Totally different approaches to racing are the result. ONCE aim to crush the opposition in every event, shaping each race as they want it...

That approach has won Banesto a host of friends in the peloton, who resent Jalabert and company's voracious approach to every race...

This year the route appears favourable to Jalabert and ONCE who, it is assumed, will try to blow the race apart on the stages over the rolling terrain of the Massif Central...



Iron man... Indurain shows the way, and the strain, in 1995

Motor Racing

Hill strives for control

DAMON HILL may have to work harder than he had expected to sustain the Williams-Renault team's performance advantage in tomorrow's French Grand Prix...

He is also in no doubt that he will face an intense and uncompromising challenge from his team-mate Jacques Villeneuve in the second half of the season...

There are several areas of the circuit where we have some problems with the car which I think can be dialled out in time for qualifying...

yet could still be leading the championship and, although that would make it more exciting, I don't want it to happen...

Panis took full advantage of his local knowledge, with the Ligier team being based close to the track...

That success, achieved after a cleverly judged refuelling stop put him ahead of David Coulthard's McLaren...

"Yes, it has been a big change," he said. "When I go shopping, everybody recognises me. It can be a little irritating but I'm certainly not complaining."

Rugby Union

Cardiff sign four

David Plummer

CARDIFF yesterday signed three of the backs who played for Wales in last season's Five Nations Championship...

The Bridgend scrum-half Robert Howley and the Neath centre Leigh Davis, who were both being courted by Bath...

The recruits will take Cardiff's wage bill to £750,000 next season with more internationals, including the Wales wing forward Owen Jones...

Rugby League

Hall receives 15-month ban

Paul Fitzpatrick

DEAN HALL, the Bramley forward sent off in the Second Division match against Exeter Hawks on Sunday...

According to the disciplinary committee, Hall "deliberately, callously and forcibly attacked the head of an opponent with his elbow"...

Wigan's looked champions when they beat St Helens eight days ago. But the Saints still have a precious one-point lead...

Today St Helens meet a Leeds side showing marked signs of improvement but the Saints are unlikely to lose ground this weekend...

Wigan, who are below strength through injury at Widderspool tomorrow, have not lost there for 10 years but Martin Hall, the Wales hooker...

Golf

Richardson on the rebound

Michael Britton in Paris

WHEN Steven Richardson won twice in the first five weeks of his second season, gained 1991 Ryder Cup honours and finished runner-up in the Order of Merit...

But, while the Scot progressed to the premier position, his English counterpart went on a downward slide to the obscurity of 69th place in the rankings last season...

It is a feeling Richardson knows well for 10 of his recent weekends have been spent at home rather than on the golf course...

An eagle at the 9th, where he chipped in, and eight birdies enabled Richardson to match the course record set by Paul Broadhurst on a rare triumph last year...

Five to watch



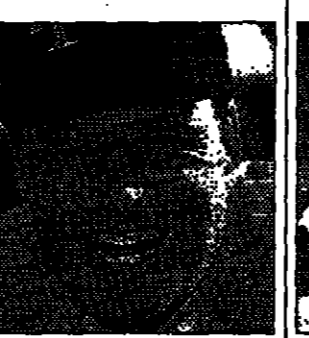
Tony Rominger WITH three Tour de France wins and a victory in the Tour of Italy to his credit...



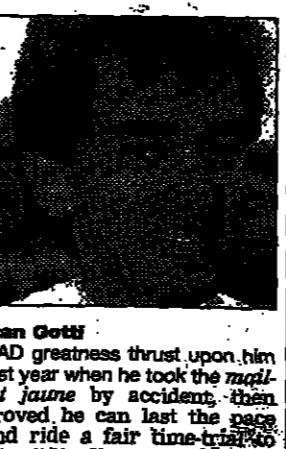
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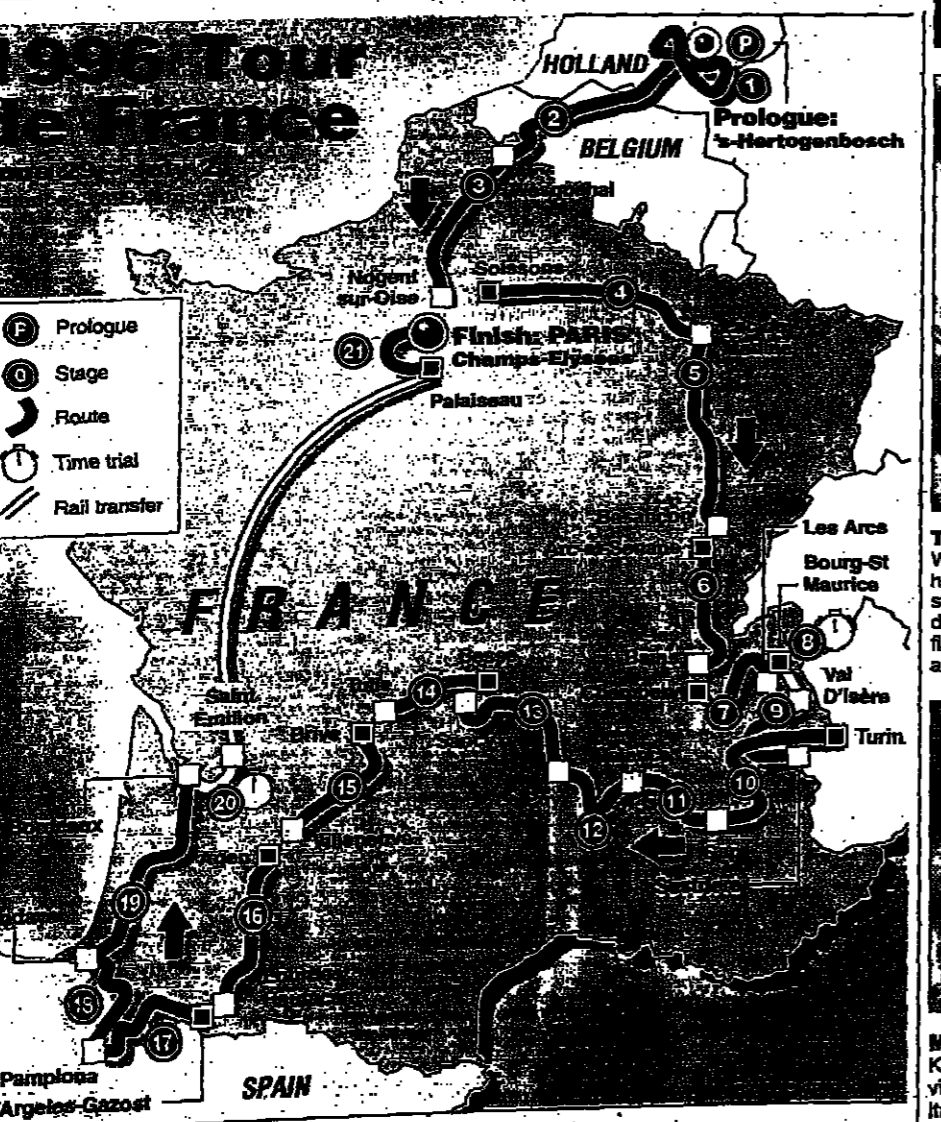
Richard Virenque CURLY-HAIRED Alain Delon lookalike. French housewives think he is mignon thanks to his Gazza-like habit of bursting into tears when he takes his annual mountain stage win...



Ivan Gotti HAD greatness thrust upon him last year when he took the maglia jaune by accident...



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Big bet on Zulle

A CASE punter in York put £24,000 on Alex Zulle at 12-1 yesterday, the biggest single Tour bet ever taken by Hill's...

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WIMBLEDON: DAY FIVE

Becker blow opens path to semi-final for Henman

Stephen Bierley sees Britain's No. 1 get a lucky break

THOSE who supposed Tim Henman...

Despite the anti-climax, Henman was immediately fortified by the news...

Henman had previously aided Becker's cause by removing Yevgeny Kafelnikov...

This has been a wonderful week for Henman...

Becker had just started a first-set tie-break against Neville Godwin...

This tournament is the highlight of my season...

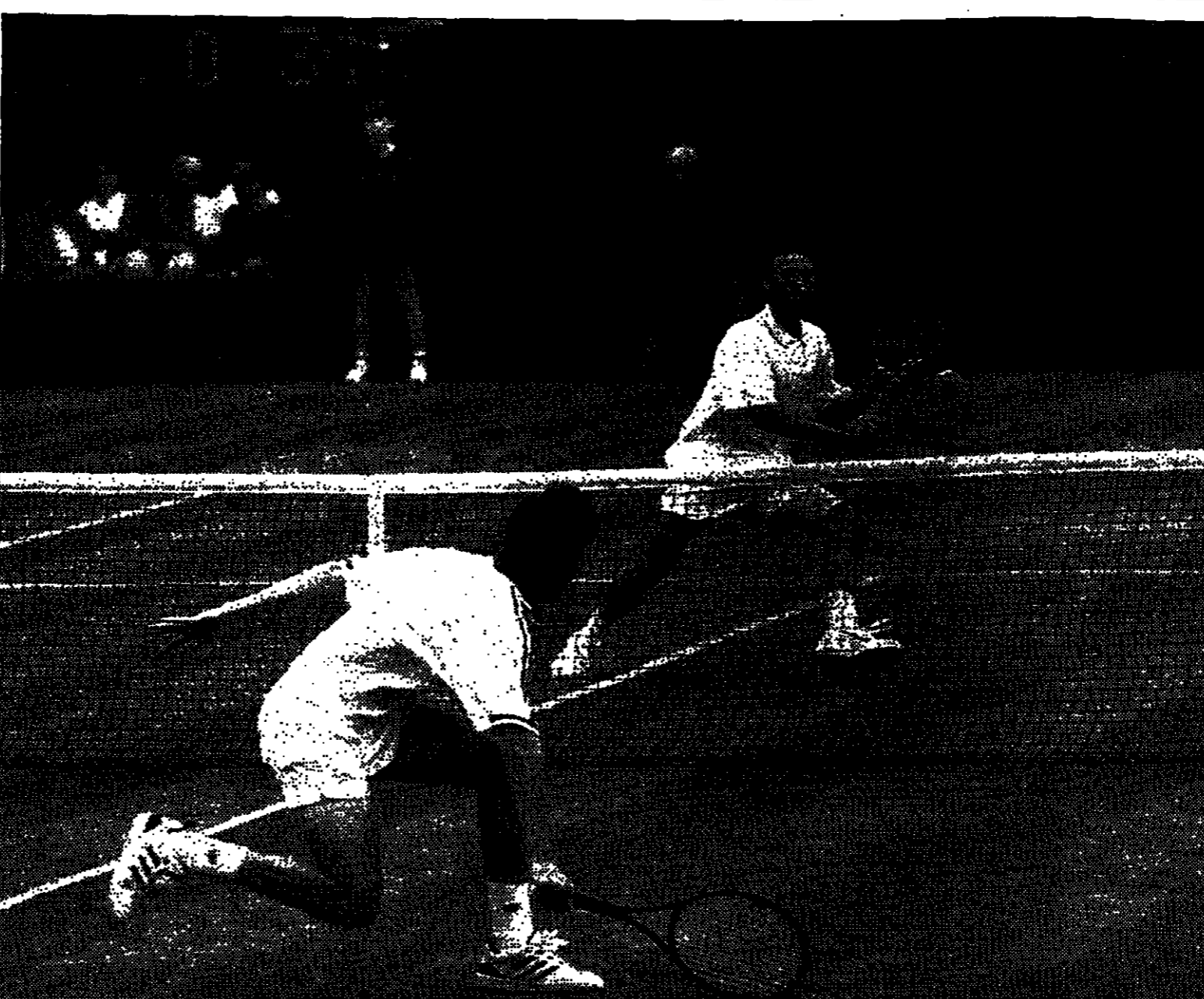
gaze down his own half of the draw and hope he might perhaps still catch a bit of the fall-out...

Becker has never been happy on clay...

Becker's first visit to Wimbledon in 1984 also ended in a third-round retirement...

It was a story of all wrists to the mill yesterday...

The Spaniard now has two days before her next singles, also because the first competitor to enter the fourth round in beating by 6-4, 6-1 Naoko Sawamatsu...



All-England clubbing... Tim Henman, left, appeared to be heading for a win over Luke Milligan on Centre Court before the rain yesterday

Sanchez a matriarch in the making

Frank Keating sees convincing victory for the Spaniard who has grown in maturity

It WAS a story of all wrists to the mill yesterday. But while Boris Becker proved terminal as far as these Championships are concerned...

The Spaniard now has two days before her next singles, also because the first competitor to enter the fourth round...

She made a point of saying how honoured she was to be back at Wimbledon...

focus her groove while disrupting that of her opponent. She began hoisting up-and-under moon-balls and querying every call.

Afterwards she had been asked if she realised her duty was to entertain the public...

A matriarch in the making, Sanchez Vicario has a wise, selfish head on her shoulders...

some Latin man. It turned out to be her brother Emilio. Yet the honey little girl who rolled in joy...

White Karmaly, Black Karpov, Game 12...

White Karmaly, Black Karpov, Game 13...



Meet Tim.

Tim Henman's great-grandmother was the first woman to serve overarm at Wimbledon.

Tim is Britain's number one tennis player. He got there with a lot of talent, a lot of hard work and the Midland Bank Schools Tennis Programme.

In 1985, Tim Henman was just another teenager dreaming of Wimbledon. In 1986 he took part in the Midland Bank Schools Tennis Programme...



Dutch despair... Brenda Schultz-McCarthy loses out

Results

Men's Singles Holder: P Sampras (US) Third round...

Women's Singles Holder: S Graf (Ger) Third round...

Men's Doubles Holders: T A Woodbridge / M Woodford (Aus) First round...

Third round... J P Flach (FRA) vs M C. J. McManis (USA) 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Women's Doubles Holders: J Novotna / Sanchez Vicario (Cz/Sp) Second round...

Mixed Doubles Holders: M Navratilova / J Stark (US) First round...

© Doug Flach, the hitherto unknown American who put out Andre Agassi...

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SportsGuardian

Rule is bent for German call-ups

Martin Thorpe on a puzzling about-face by Uefa

EURO 96 was thrown into confusion yesterday when Uefa granted Germany permission to bring in two extra players for tomorrow's final.

The Germans, hit by injury and suspension, argued that they had only 11 players available for the Wembley showpiece and Uefa agreed to the replacements under article 25 regarding "force majeure". The favourites to be called up are the strikers Rudi Voller and Karl-Heinz Riedle.

It was unclear whether their opponents, the Czech Republic, backed the decision. The chairman of the Czech FA Frantisek Chvalovský said that they did "in the spirit of fair play of Euro 96". But fair play was cited in defence of the opposing argument by Jaro Vacek, the executive head of the Czech delegation. "We are not happy with this decision," he said last night. "All teams have to nominate their players beforehand and it is only fair play to start with those players in the tournament."

Berti Vogts may have been as surprised as anyone by the decision. "There is nothing in the rules," the German coach had said earlier in the day, "that would give us hope that the authorities would allow a

player to be brought in from Germany at this stage."

In fact, two of the players cited as injury doubts for the final, Ziege and Kuntz, had asserted at the same press conference that they would be fit for the final.

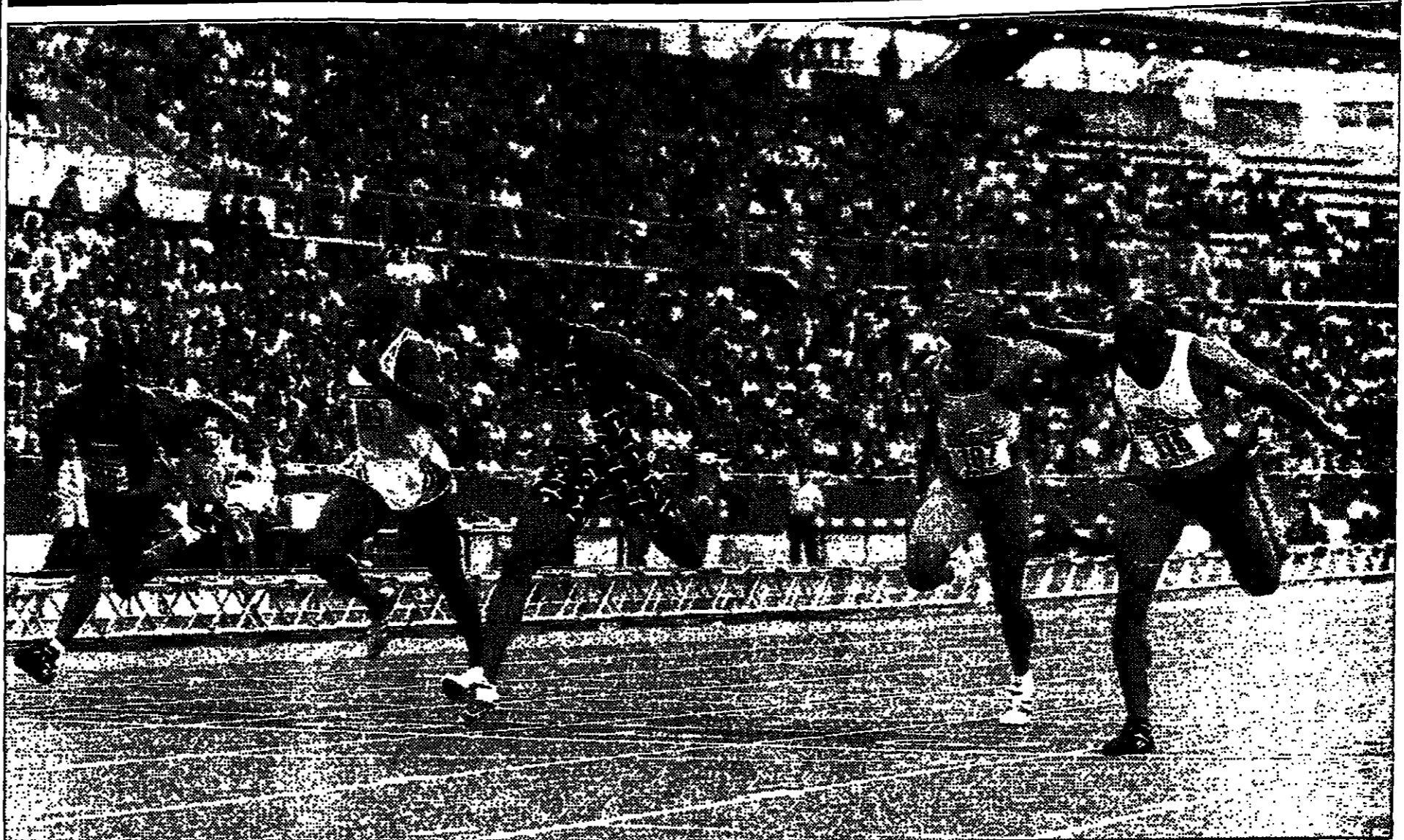
The Czechs were also allowed to bring in two players but declined the opportunity despite doubts over Berger and the goalkeeper Kouba. However, Uefa's decision is bound to anger those other teams who have uncomplainingly fielded weakened teams because of injuries and suspensions.

The Uefa statement said that Germany's missing or doubtful list comprised Kohler, Basler and Bobic, with long-term injuries; Klinsmann, who missed the England game with a torn calf; Bode, who pulled a muscle yesterday; Helmer, Freund, Ziege and Kuntz.

Uefa, in explaining its decision, also cited the fact that Reuter and Möller were suspended for the final. But this should not have been allowed to enter the equation. Had these two been available, Germany arguably would not need replacements, which leaves Uefa open to the accusation that it is in effect allowing Germany to replace two banned players.

Uefa made the concession on the understanding that the two new arrivals will take the available outfield players to only 13. The Germans have already had outfield shirts made for their two reserve goalkeepers, Kahn and Riedle.

CANADIAN PAIR SOUND WARNING TO UNDECIDED OLYMPIC CHAMPION



Stretched in the home stretch... Linford Christie (checked shorts) starts well but is overhauled by Bruny Surin (116) and Donovan Bailey (white shorts) PHOTOGRAPH: GRAY MORTIMORE

Christie third as D-day looms

Duncan Mackay in Paris

LINFORD CHRISTIE, still keeping everyone in the dark about his Olympic plans, was beaten into third place in the 100 metres by the fast-finishing Canadians Bruny Surin and Donovan

Bailey here last night. Surin won in 10.08sec with Bailey on 10.04 and Christie 10.05.

Christie will announce his intentions in London on Monday, the deadline for Olympic competitors' names to be submitted. So three days before we finally discover the conclusion to the longest-running and most tedious soap-opera

in sport, Christie comes away from this grand prix meeting knowing that he has a lot of work to do between now and Atlanta — assuming that he still wishes to defend his Olympic title.

The 35-year-old was keeping his own counsel as he coiled into his blocks last night and squinted into the bright Paris evening sun. Sandwiched between the world record-holder Leroy Burrell and the world champion Bailey, he got away to one of his best starts of the season but was unable to respond in the second half of the race.

Surin, the world silver medalist, moved into a higher gear and drew away but Christie could take consolation from beating both Burrell and Ato Boldon, the

youngster from Trinidad who earlier this year expressed scorn at Christie's chances.

The size of the task facing Sally Gunnell as she aims to retain her Olympic 400 metres hurdles title was also brought into focus when Tonya Buford-Bailey beat the world champion Kim Batten to the line in 53.54, the world's fastest time this year.

Next Wednesday Gunnell will be able to measure the progress she has made since returning from injury when she faces both Americans in Lausanne. She will need to improve by at least a second to challenge them.

Batten was leading coming into the final hurdle but had no answer to the world silver medalist's remarkable strength. The 25-year-old Bu-

ford-Bailey has made significant progress since being knocked out in the semi-finals in Barcelona four years ago, when Gunnell claimed gold.

An injured Gunnell was absent from the 1995 world championships, where her world record was lowered to 52.61 by Batten, with Buford-Bailey 0.01sec behind.

"She's a great competitor," Buford-Bailey said of Gunnell, "but I'm not going to bow down to her. In 1995 I ran faster than her world record. In 1996 I feel I'm going to be the Olympic champion."

In the men's race the Atlanta based world champion Derrick Adkins won a dramatic run-in with Samuel Matete of Zambia and Bryan Bronson, who had beaten him in the US trials, to triumph in

47.70 again the fastest in the world this year, in what could turn out to be a preview of next month's Olympic final.

Athletes from the fringe of Britain's Olympic team will have their last opportunity to impress the selectors today in the Bupa games at Gateshead.

The triple-jump world champion and world record-holder Jonathan Edwards proved his fitness when he leapt 17.82m in Helsinki earlier this week but the javelin thrower Steve Backley still has work to do.

The European champion, who remains confident but has not thrown this summer because of an Achilles tendon operation, must throw over 80 metres to book his passage to Atlanta and squeeze out Colin Mackenzie.

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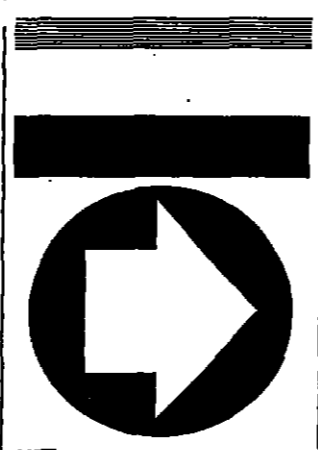
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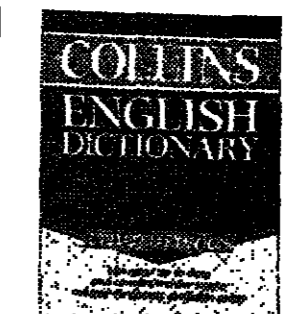
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- Set by Araucaria
- Across**
- 1 Heathcill's girl, cold inside, could be infectious (6)
 - 4 Unprincipled Southerner given to cutting corners? (8)
 - 9 Principal fixer (6)
 - 10 Georgian-born biologist says he's (God willing) English, rightly and wrongly (8)
 - 11 Go for it if you want to win: juvenile rat-tug's silly (5,7,4)
 - 13 In step — right, left — the prudent have it wrapped up (10)
 - 14 Actually embarrassing after... (4)
 - 16 ...being choked with laughter? (4)
 - 18 A model story in which I seize what's within reach (10)
 - 21 Cost of Sam's maple per foot, which maybe the Royal Navy feel cheap (5-9)
 - 23,7 Was about to send Amy back after test for gold caused a lot of accidents (8,7)
 - 24 Farmer's guide? (6)
 - 25 Variant on 23,7, a tedious affair with cavare about? (4,4)
 - 26 What makes it hard for one to finish the call? (4,2)
- Down**
- 1,22 Cheer leader's wood-cut that's produced for sale (4,4)
 - 2 Drink expensive to the French tutor? (7)



- 3 The pious take perverted joy in unpleasant places (4,4)
- 5 The top line is, increase white-collar workers 200 per cent (6,5)
- 6 Put the other way round from the home green (6)
- 7 See 23
- 8 Reformer of yore given to bird-watching? (6,3)
- 12 Be a resounding success, like the beginning or end of the world? (2,4,1,4)
- 13 He can leave work to go and watch (4-5)
- 15 Very good article, to be cancelled (8)
- 17 Martin Luther's wife concerned with being in a surplus? (7)
- 19 Support record that has to be made up (7)
- 20 Supporter who gets paid, maybe with tales (6)
- 21 See 1 down

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Labour's mystery Mister Justice

WHEN Cherie Booth QC assured guests at a recent Society of Labour Lawyers function that "you can be sure Lord Irvine will be the next Lord Chancellor," the Labour leader's wife was accused of "doing a Hillary Clinton".

Her comments were no more than a statement of fact, universally acknowledged at Westminster and the Bar, subject only to the will of the voters. Alexander Andrew Mackay Irvine — "Derry" to friends — has been shadow Lord Chancellor for the last four years. That is significant. It should remind doubters that Irvine was not appointed to that post simply because Tony Blair was one of the two pupils in chambers he took on in 1976, the other being the future Mrs Blair.

"Cupid QC," he may have been, the phrase Irvine used at the Blairs' wedding. But the pupil-master had been made Lord Irvine of Lairg in 1987 at Neil Kinnock's instigation and shadow Lord Chancellor by his old friend, John Smith, in 1992. "As someone who made a speech at Tony Blair's wedding and John Smith's funeral, Derry Irvine must be a pretty important man in the Labour Party," a mutual friend told Blair's biographer, John Rentoul, who reports that the two men still speak most days, usually very early. Irvine gets to the office by 6.30am. They also socialise and share holidays. The emotional bond is strong. If Blair has a penchant for guru figures — Australian vicars, spin-doctors or eminent QCs — here is one of them.

"Derry is a close political advisor and sounding-board to Tony because he has the weight, the mind and the personality which impress themselves on the rest of us," says one Blair intimate. "He listens to an argument and then points to its illogicality, that inconsistency. He asks questions, you answer and he says that won't wash. When Derry speaks, people listen."

A rare pointer to Irvine's discreet power came this week when it emerged that he was one of the inner group which Blair created to sort out Labour's devolution problems, along with Gordon Brywn, Donald Dewar, Jack Straw and George Robertson — the group that caused this week's referendum rumpus. More than that, he actually

both put in train by the present Lord Chancellor, his fellow Scots meritocrat, Lord Mackay of Clashfern.

Lord Irvine will also play a key role in two hugely challenging tasks, Scottish devolution and reform of the House of Lords, where some of the wisperers against him say he has been insufficiently active until recently — a charge he hotly denies.

At the Commons end, some Labour MPs murmur that he is "cocky", or "not very radical" and "too much a smooth lawyer's lawyer". In a startlingly one-sided portrait on

Radio 4's World This Weekend recently, the veteran left-wing QC, John Platts-Mills (briefly a Labour MP 50 years ago), was asked about his reputation as a politician.

"I'm not sure that he's got a reputation as that," he replied. "He's got a reputation only as a lawyer, and so far he hasn't shown very much indication of what he'll do as Lord Chancellor. He's devoted his time almost exclusively to making money at the Bar." Clever, successful, rich: they are familiar charges. Yet to the wider public this

most shadowy of shadow ministers remains virtually unknown. Irvine has not sought publicity, some friends even insisting he is rather shy. That might account for the sometimes brusque manner. Blair himself recalls being asked at one of their first meetings: "So your parents were rich enough to send you to public school, then?"

Who is Derry Irvine? Born into a working-class family in Argyllshire in 1940, Irvine met John Smith at Glasgow University and they remained fast friends until

the former leader's death. "Like John he's a wonderful drinker, and it doesn't seem to affect him," says an admiring MP. "John Smith loved him, he told me he was one of his very, very close friends," recalls the radical QC, Helena Kennedy, who describes Irvine as "incredibly clever and enormously astute politically".

His background is similar to the present Lord Chancellor's. Both come from humble Scottish origins. Both did brilliantly at Scottish universities and at Cambridge, and

had brief careers as academics before opting for the Bar, where both had high-flying careers.

Neither was a politician. But, unlike the apolitical Mackay, Irvine has been a committed Labour supporter since his teens. He unsuccessfully contested Hendon in the 1970 election, later wooing and winning Alison McNair, to whom he has been married for 22 years — a close and successful marriage. But there is a poignant element: Lady Irvine was previously married to another Smith chum,

surprisingly on Lord Mackay, a Scottish judge with no political background and no known political views.

Only in the last few months has Irvine given much hint of what his own agenda might be as Lord Chancellor. He grabbed headlines with his warnings to the judges in recent speeches not to get too uppity and try to usurp Parliament's role.

He denies it was a warning — just a plea for "self-restraint" by both judges and ministers — and complains that his position has been misrepresented. But it was

widely seen as a serious warning shot across the bows of judicial activists, a clear and surprising political signal. It does not bode well for an easing of the tense relationship between judges and executive if Labour wins power. Robert Stevens, Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, and author of *The Independence Of The Judiciary*, sees Irvine as an enigmatic and fascinating mix of Old and New Labour. His attitude to the judges harks back to traditional Labour fears that a Conservative judiciary would sabotage Labour's legislative programme through court rulings.

This Old Labour distrust of the judges — unsurprising in a Labour barrister who practised employment law in the 1970s — was at the root of the left's long opposition to a bill of rights or incorporation of the European Convention of Human Rights into domestic law. But in New Labour mode, Irvine has become a keen supporter of incorporation of the European Convention, now a key plank of Labour's legislative



Derry Irvine... could he end up a legal conservative?

platform, despite the undoubted fact that it will give the judges more power.

He has also insisted that Labour will uphold both judicial review and judges' independence, and not make "common cause with the cacophony of Conservative caterwauling at the courts for striking down so many unlawful ministerial decisions".

Stevens thinks Irvine is "politically less interesting than Mackay, who is royally hated by everyone but is a wonderfully creative man who has asked all the right questions over the years". Irvine, Stevens believes, will end up much more conservative on the profession than his Conservative counterpart.

Yet Labour has radical plans — to reform the House of Lords, incorporate the human rights convention, set up a judicial appointments commission and a community legal service. In all these, Irvine will play a key role. Labour is a romantic, even nostalgic party and inevitably Irvine-in-waiting faces unfair comparison with previous radical incumbents. Yet Helena Kennedy is cautiously optimistic. "I do think he is committed to constitutional change and will play an important part in how Labour decides to do it."



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Extraordinary ordinary lives



Martin Kettle

JOHN Major is not the first prime minister, and not even the first Conservative prime minister, to come from what is described as an 'ordinary' background...

ordinary people never went away. What changed was that a pretence grew up that ordinary life does not exist or matter any more.

It depends on what you mean by ordinary. Ordinary is not the same as working-class, though a job is probably the most important precondition for being ordinary.

Ordinariness, though, has no role in the theories of our time. Too many political thinkers, economists and, in particular, futurologists are beguiled by the transformative myths peddled by American technoculture.

The time was when writers and commentators tried to understand and to celebrate the ordinary life of others.

In fact, there is still quite a lot of life in between. It doesn't have to be romanticised or demystified to be taken seriously.

The important thing about Orwell's celebration of ordinary Englishness is that it is multifarious, evolving and deeply tinged with the past.

As with so much of the sporting world these days, money talks. Many of Britain's athletes, including big names and major medal hopes, will have acclimated by spending months already in Georgia at the British Olympic training camp at Talibahoe.

Not all competitors can afford such luxury, however. For the other athletes, improvisation becomes all-important.

In a class-ridden society such as ours, ordinariness is easier to play on the hustings than in office.

Ordinariness, like Major and snubria, is unfashionable in Major's south London youth of the 1950s.

Today there is another form of more modern snobbery towards ordinariness.

Fashion sets and sustains the trend. Was there ever a time in this century in which the lives lived by 'ordinary' people...

That — and the question of flying the Israeli flag on Independence Day — is a recurring problem.

They will cope. They'll shout — and they'll talk it through. In Hebrew and Arabic.



Arab, Jewish and Christian children all go to school together, with pupils getting to know each other's culture, history and language

PHOTOGRAPH: ANNA SHERBARY

Neve Shalom is an oasis of peace — the only village in Israel where Arabs and Jews live together in harmony. But can it survive, asks MICHAEL FREEDLAND

The trying game

THEY call it the Oasis of Peace, but that doesn't mean people living in this village have to be nice to each other.

In fact, today, they aren't being nice at all. They are shouting — so loudly, you can hear the voices echoing through the mountains nearby.

We are able to tell them, while they are still very young, to know and respect each other.

It isn't like that now. The sheep and any attempt at a community co-operative have gone.

When father Bruno established Neve Shalom in 1972, it was the closest thing anyone could imagine to a Jewish Arab kibbutz.

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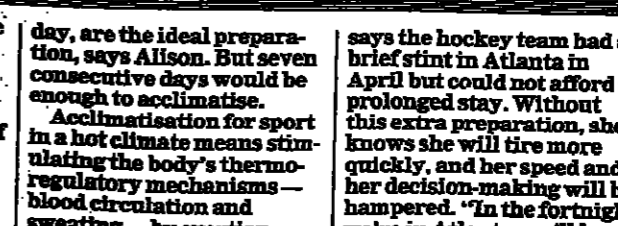
The Olympics will know if they've been Tango'ed

PETER KINGSTON on the British team preparing for Atlanta with five fan heaters and an electric kettle

WE are in a windowless chamber somewhere beneath the Liverpool Museum, one of the city's Victorian monuments, marvelling at the unlikely secret weapon in the British Olympic training programme.

3 — a fan heater. The players might also pay small tribute to the unknown makers of an electric kettle belching out steam — unknown because its lid was missing.

Reilly's assistant, research student Allison Purvis, who is in constant motion herself, checking the athletes' pulses, keeping them supplied with water — each drinks about three litres over the 30 minutes — and sticking electronic thermometers in their ears.



Put the kettle on... two of the British women's hockey team making use of a hi-tech humidifier

day, are the ideal preparation, says Allison. But seven consecutive days would be enough to acclimatise.

Shelter from the storm

HAVE just read Anne Karpf's article (Children of the Holocaust, 22 front page) and I feel obliged to tell of something that happened to me in 1938-9. In my middle twenties, in London and just becoming politically aware, I read an article in the News Chronicle about Kitchener Camp, near Sandwich, Kent. Perhaps the publicity was engineered by Victor Gollancz, one of the philanthropic English Jews who helped escaping refugees.

The article told of how our Government had been persuaded to hand over the naval camp left unused after the first world war, and now derelict, to house those refugees who were not sent to camps on the Isle of Man. It told of the pitiful conditions under which they were living as the old Nissen huts were gradually rehabilitated one by one, and a few more could be housed. The News Chronicle suggested its readers might befriend one.

I wrote offering to correspond with one refugee and was overjoyed to receive three requests. Such poignant letters, one in good English, the others poor, but each beseeching help in getting wives or sweethearts to England.

Each one of them became a life-long friend and my life has been greatly enriched by knowing them. Each one's story has been strange and diverse. My first was a husbandless and widowed woman, May 7 1938, when, armed with a three-hour permit obtained from some War Office department, I met my three refugees in forever etched into my memory.

— but who can blame this beleaguered country with so many German-speaking strangers? England saved the lives of thousands at a time when it had other things to think of. This was for many of us a haven, where people were civilised and kind, where its citizens' courage during the war was quite extraordinary.

For those of us who love this green and pleasant land, and the kindness we were offered here, I would like to express my gratitude.

I AM grateful to Anne Karpf for expressing her feelings so lucidly. My wartime memories are of the loss of a beloved father, a conscripted RAF officer, who was killed as a result of the war in 1935, shortly after my eighth birthday. The stress and anxiety of this event could lead, 20 years later, to the premature death of my mother from a stroke.

The war blighted the lives of millions of families in this way and perhaps in 1947 Britain was too small to take in all. My children are now adults and parents themselves. They will never know how hard I have worked to hide my sorrow and not allow them to become a third generation of victims.

It is important to me that all young people learn about the appalling crimes that were perpetrated against the Jewish people in the second world war, but if the human race is to survive and outgrow aggression we must not pass guilt and sorrow on to them.

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OK, we admit it's a problem

THOSE attending AA meetings are encouraged to introduce themselves as "an alcoholic" before speaking. The theory is that, until the existence of a problem is acknowledged, a cure is unlikely to be forthcoming. Mr Lilley might learn from this approach in his treatment of the problem of poverty (Letters, June 28).

Up that constitution bill

TONY BLAIR'S decision to impose a referendum on a Welsh assembly and a Scottish parliament is an affront to the people of these countries. It is yet another example of the Labour leadership running scared of the Conservatives and bowing to the agenda of a party which is completely isolated on this issue in both Wales and Scotland.

The Labour parties of Wales and Scotland had already decided that they would press ahead with plans for devolution without the need for a referendum. The only bodies entitled to change this decision are the Welsh and Scottish conferences of the party.

The Prime Minister's claims that the only constitutional change required is to allow more time for consultation on proposed bills, and that all other changes must be gradual and evolutionary, cannot be taken seriously (PM says changes "would stretch British way of life", June 27).

How the odd couple made Joan's big night at the opera

ARE your opera critic Andrew Clements (The total destruction of Joan Arc, June 28) and Rodney Milnes of the Times working in collusion? All old opera hands know that ticket sales are stimulated both by a rave review and by a real stinker which can often lead to a *succes de scandale*.

HAVING attended the opening of Giovanna d'Arco at the Royal Opera last Tuesday, I agree with Gerald Kaufman (Letters, June 27) that, pace Andrew Clements's review, there have been worse productions. This is the last of the so-called Flegierand Hollanders done for Sir Colin Davis's retirement, and the recent Götterdämmerung.

Helpful Advice From Dr Vernon Coleman

IBS is a painful disorder that can ruin your life. I used to suffer terribly from IBS, and had all the usual symptoms (pain, wind etc) but conquered the problem using a simple, two-step control programme. Since then my symptoms have virtually disappeared and the quality of my life has improved beyond measure. Now you can share the information that gave me back a normal life. I have produced a book called "Relief From IBS" that explains the methods I used to solve my IBS problem. The advice is written in an easy-to-follow style and includes a series of simple, practical guidelines designed to help you deal with your IBS in the same way that I dealt with mine. The topics covered include: causes and symptoms; how to look after your digestive system; relieve from wind; tips on how to cope with stress; foods that can make things worse; and much, much more.

Having suffered from IBS for several years I know what a devastating effect it can have on your life and I do hope my book will be able to help you. You can try my advice without risk - if you don't find the book helpful then simply return it to me within 28 days of receipt for a full refund. See box below for details of how to order.

A lesson in good grammar

YOUR leader (Irrelevant and unpopular, June 26) asserts that "the hidden agenda" of the old grammar school system was "to ensure" that schools "continued to decant large numbers of children without qualifications... to labour in the fields [and] dig coal." Was it really? Shortly, you will be arguing that the real reason why 80 per cent of children of unskilled workers still leave school at 16 is because of poor teachers and poor schools.

Heavy metal

YOU imply (Zambian agency faces inquiry, June 27) that the London subsidiary of ZCCM, the Zambian copper producer, is being investigated by the UK regulatory authorities. This statement has no foundation and I can categorically state that no UK regulatory body has approached us or is seeking information from us.

A Country Diary

MACHYNLETH: A writer of long ago used a strange expression in reference to the geology of North Wales. He said that limestone "bursts out" all the way from Anglesey to Flintshire then turns south to Llanelgallen, finally dying out on the border between Shropshire and Montgomeryshire. This band of limestone is a great boon to botanists because here and there its flora is exceptionally rich, as on the Great Orme at Llandudno.

Rupert's rights

THE irony of his statement that "now MPs have gained the same rights as other citizens" as a result of the Defamation Bill amendment is lost on Rupert Allison (Good news for the media, June 27).

The close

When STEPHEN BAY write an official message... National Union of Teachers... respect the truth to be...

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THE allegation in Leslie Plummer's article (Evidence belies Tunisia human rights claims, June 11) neither reflects Tunisia's realities nor her endeavours to foster the democratic process, and reinforce the respect for human rights, by anchoring them not only in the law but also in our daily practice.

WHAT is new — and has received no significant comment — is that the education white paper proposes to tear up the existing right of potential parents and local communities to have their views properly considered in this way. Grant-maintained schools would be free to decide who to "consult" and how, and then to arrive at their own decisions about their own proposals.

But it went not to the Orme that I went with two friends on Monday. We went instead to the limestone's southern tip, between Oswestry and Welshpool. We began in a long-disused quarry and immediately ran into a huge conservation problem — the wild clematis or old man's beard. It is also called traveller's joy but it certainly is not botanists' joy above Llanymynech is a nature reserve, where see the clematis spreading in all directions, suffocating

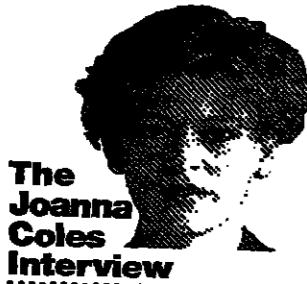
more precious plants. Getting rid of it is not easy because cutting it back only increases its zeal for empire-building. It was a relief for us to get beyond the clematis thickets to open ground where bee orchids were in full magnificent flower. In chalk districts of England the bee orchid may be taken for granted, but here in the west it is a treasure not so far to seek.

Up slopes yellowed with rock-roses and lively with butter-lies, we walked from England into Wales, following the Offa's Dyke footpath. From the summit we looked east across the Shropshire plain; but Cheshire, visible up there on a clear day, was lost in haze. Westwards, we looked across miles of Montgomeryshire but, like Cheshire, the Welsh mountains were veiled. No mountains were veiled. No matter, it was good to be up there, looking across a peaceful borderland which in the past has seen so much of the bloody side of life.

WILLIAM CONDRY

Shirley Williams helped restore power to the centre, then drifted from the centre of power — found love, lost it and found it again. Is that why she's got God?

Mistress of the middle ground



The Joanna Coles Interview

SHIRLEY WILLIAMS hares into the room, floral shirtwaister flapping wildly as if it can't quite keep up with her. Rushing over to the phone, she pumps out a coffee while commanding her secretary to rearrange a meeting. Then, gripping the saucer as if about to enter an egg and spoon race, she hares out again, coffee flailing in the vortex, to have her photo taken. It's as though a cyclone has been and gone, as if she has her own micro-climate clinging to her skirt. Two minutes later the tornado returns, blowing open the door and whirling dervish into the nearest chair. "I'm back now," she sings unnecessarily, as if perhaps I can't see her through the dust cloud in her wake. Yes, she certainly is, and where I wonder, does it come from, this astounding energy which even she calls "limitless"?

"But that's terrible." I protest, astonished that someone as well capable as Shirley Williams could suffer from a broken heart.

"Yes, I waited and waited for it to be annulled." "How terrible," I murmur again, struck by her look of momentary sadness. "Yes, yes," she says briskly. "Well there it is. Bernard wanted a divorce because he wanted to marry someone else. It was clear it was unreasonable for me to stand in the way."

'God came up with a husband I'm terribly happy with. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away'

So they got their annulment, but too late for Tony King. Does she wish she'd just married him anyway? "Looking back it's probably a better marriage, the one I've made. Tony was very much involved in his own career path then, it would have been like my first marriage, an endless strain. But I terribly wanted to marry him and I think he terribly wanted to marry me." "Did they have a physical relationship?" "I'm not going to answer that." "I ask, because in her memoir, *Swans and Ladies*, which she will read on Radio 4 next week, Williams explains that she is against abortion but not contraception — on the grounds that it's unrealistic to expect adults to refrain from lovemaking for several weeks or months." "I do believe God works in a mysterious way," she rattles on. "God came up with a husband I'm terribly happy with. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed is the Lord," she murmurs a little later, it resists the temptation to ask why God couldn't get it right the first time and save those involved so much pain.

former adviser to presidents Kennedy and Carter, is making the Williams' grade. The couple divide their time between here, Harvard — where Williams is Professor of Elective Politics — and Neustadt's house on Cape Cod.

"Being married again I know what it is to have a supportive husband," says the Baroness cheerily. "There was an article in the Daily Telegraph this week which likened me to Pol Pot, well I could take it home to Dick and laugh about it. I guess if I'd been younger and gone home on my own I would have been upset. You can't share that with a kid."

But according to Carol Thatcher, Dennis was absent much of the time and Margaret used to call her daughter by her secretary's name.

"My sense is that Maggie had Dennis there to support her, to ask him about the papers; he went with her to Brighton. It clicked in at just about the point when it's most necessary, when the world says she's on her way." "Something I saw with Bernard was the pain he suffered, the pain of being called Mrs Shirley Williams. It's alright for women, we're used to taking someone else's name. But men find it very hard. It's hard to underestimate the amount of savagery out there. You know, 'What's it like being the nanny at home?' Dick laughs his head off, but Bernard was hurt."



Williams: 'If I had had a supportive partner, I would have probably leapt further towards highest office'

great sense of satisfaction because we changed the whole process of British politics?" "I don't know, but I think it would be a short operation and we're completely on track," she exclaims, reminding me that the SDP polled only two per cent fewer votes than Labour in the 1988 election.

But wouldn't these changes have happened anyway? "In 1981 the key factors were Europe, one member one vote and constitutional reform. Well, we've got that. We've got a commitment for constitutional reform and a commitment to Europe. I feel colossaly pleased. I don't feel I need to be a cabinet minister."

Time's up. As she prepares to leave out, I have a final question. Of what, during her political career, is she most proud? No hesitation. "I'm very pleased that most parents want schools to remain comprehensive," she says, reaching for the door. There is no time to argue.

The closed book is an education in itself

When STEPHEN BATES was asked to write an official history of the National Union of Teachers, he didn't expect the truth to count against it

IT ALL started so promisingly. Last September, just after being moved to Brussels by the Guardian, I was asked to write an official history of the National Union of Teachers. The book was delivered on time at the end of January — all 82,000 words of it — and was appraised by Doug McAvoy, the general secretary, as "immensely readable and perceptive". Maybe a bit too perceptive as it happens. This is a small tale of inertia and internal politics which has left me rather confused. It was to be a big project, costing the union a cool £175,000 and capping the NUT's 125th anniversary celebrations. I thought it a great honour and that it would be an interesting and extraordinary story to tell. The last 25 years have been bumpy ones, both for education as a whole and for the NUT, a turbulent period since the Government's reform act.



Possibly, the story was a bit too bumpy from the NUT's point of view as it encompassed a steep decline in terms of its membership and influence over government policy, as well as deep internal political divisions and a catastrophic, long-running strike. It was never to be a celebratory work, so the NUT's courage in commissioning the

book was to be applauded, as I said in the introduction. The book was due to be published at the NUT's Easter conference but it is still sitting on the general secretary's desk today. Only a couple of senior staff have seen it. I was told that if I showed the book to Carole Regan, the NUT's president and no political soulmate of McAvoy, he would never let it go ahead. In preparing the book, I spoke to a wide range of NUT denizens, from former general secretaries to politicians and ordinary union members. Maybe I was not supposed to speak to the hard left. Hopefully naive, I hear you say (some friends who read the book thought so too). The trouble is, having spent some time working for a paper whose most famous editor's most famous dictum was something about comment being free but facts being sacred, I had got rather used to that luxury. Besides, the union said they would correct factual inaccuracies but not opinions. The obvious inference is that maybe the book was no good. But I delivered it to encomiums of praise, culminating in a letter from McAvoy himself saying how impres-

sive it was: "Congratulations on producing such a manuscript." There were a couple of issues he wanted to sort out, but I wasn't told officially what they were. Unofficially, I was told I was a bit outspoken about the union's loss of influence over education policy and had been a bit unkind to Fred Jarvis, the former general secretary. In retrospect, I am beginning to think Fred was right in warning the union on my appointment, that I was insufficiently sympathetic to the NUT. I didn't think so at the time, but I am beginning to wonder. What I think has really been the problem is that I was bluntly critical of the path the

union took from 1970, which has left it marginalised and on the wrong side of many educational arguments since then, unable to deploy effectively its case or counter accusations of low standards and expectations. I thought the criticisms self-evident. Since January, things have gone quiet. Doug and I have made nine appointments to meet and he has cancelled them all at the last minute. He has written once to say exasperatedly that he does not think the national executive will want to publish the book in its present form. It is as if, having commissioned an expensive toy, the general secretary no longer wants to play with it.

In view of his earlier comments, this is surprising, but life has changed at the NUT and the left is gaining ground at the moderates' expense. If my book was originally meant as a defence of the moderates, then perhaps it somehow did not live up to expectations. On the other hand, could this just be the inertia of a big organisation and a general secretary who has had second thoughts but can't quite bring himself to kill a project off? I think McAvoy is putting off a meeting in the hope that it will just go away. The left like to say the NUT is a Douglocracy. Maybe the general secretary will decide to pull the plugs in his own. If so, I hope he lets me know.

Good-bye battery



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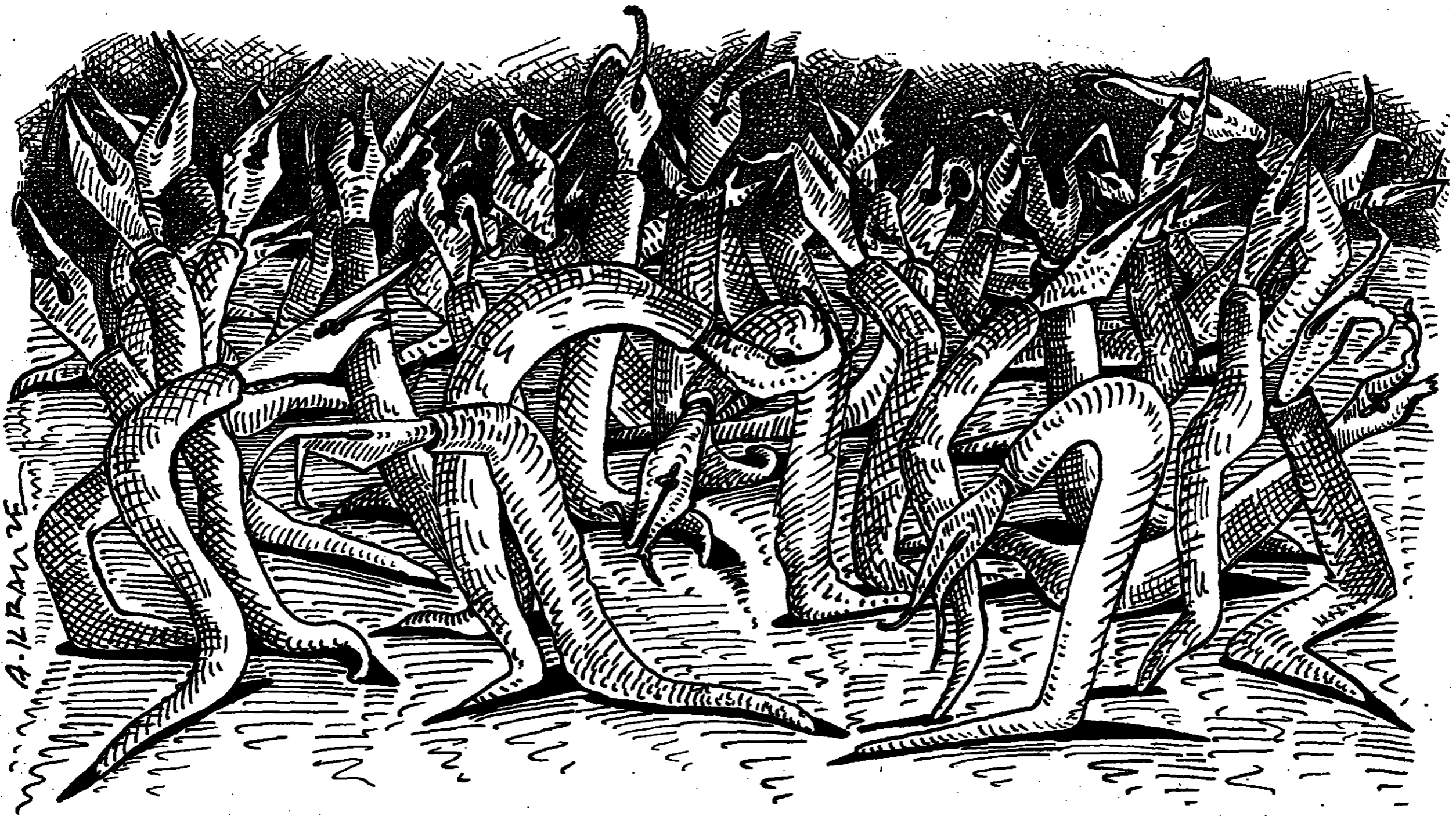
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Doug McAvoy replies...

THE union commissioned work from Stephen Bates. It has paid the author the agreed fee, as well as providing all necessary research facilities and expenses for his travel and accommodation. No restrictions were placed on whom he chose to interview though some may have felt that what they said

was off the record. Having received the text, we began to talk to the author. The final stage was for discussion between the author and me prior to a decision on publication which would have been taken by the appropriate NUT committee before the end of the 125-year celebrations. That process is in-

complete, and the author's article in the Guardian is unhelpful and surprising. By identifying in print aspects which might have caused concern, he has made the process more difficult. Issues for discussion were identified but I do not choose to join Mr Bates in airing them publicly.



The battle for your bookshelf

JOHN CUNNINGHAM explains why small publishers and new authors are being pushed aside by the cut-price bestseller

JARNDYCE and Jarndyce would feel at home in an obscure corner of the Law Courts in the Strand where, next week, the legal machines will creak into action to end almost the last vestige of commercial price-fixing. The atmosphere may well be sepulchral and the proceedings redundant of 70 potential witnesses, only one has decided it's worth turning up, and the issue which the Restrictive Practices Court will ponderously probe has fallen into abeyance anyway.

You probably thought that the Net Book Agreement and retail price maintenance in publishing had ended with a glorious battle of the books when, before last Christmas, display tables groaned under the weight of discounted best-sellers. Not at all. At the end of September, the Publishers Association announced it was no longer able to enforce the agreement after a monumental squabble among its members.

In practice, that marked the end of a system as old as this century which had steadily stopped bookshops offering the kind of best-buy bargains supermarkets brazenly thrive on. It was a ferocious fight, with some publishers and booksellers saying a crippling wound was about to be inflicted; others arguing that to cut out the NBA was the only way to get commercial oxygen into the sclerotic arteries of the book business.

But while the NBA has been buried, there is still to be a legal inquiry into why it should be declared unlawful, and that is why the proceedings, initiated by John Bridgeman, Director General of Fair Trading, are dragging through the Restrictive Practices Court.

The Publishers Association has accepted that the NBA is in effect dead, and has nothing to say to the court. Of the 70 firms which, in the heat of the furor, indicated that they would be arguing either for retention or abolition, only John Calder, the distinguished and maverick literary publisher, will be in court on Wednesday.

Calder, failed champion of authors such as Beckett, Borges, Breton and Burroughs — to go no further than B in his list of eccentric geniuses — has filed a 17-page submission with the court, arguing that volumes from small independent publishers (he's been one for 45 years) are being pushed off the shelves by the discounted juggernaut novels on which the chain bookstores girt themselves.

surely now been lodged high up in the League of Lost Causes. Yet, a year ago, many more were arguing that the agreement was one of the pillars of that small, civilised world defined by its enjoyment of favourite authors, visits to operas and sporting events, and cosy dinner parties. Established, trusted names in publishing would disappear; independent local bookshops would vanish, unable to compete with their discounting big brothers.

Calder's worst-case scenario is that, first, the independent booksellers will feel the pinch; then even the chains which are now doing well, will find the going more difficult; finally, supermarkets will take over as book retailers.

Some would say that's too pessimistic. However, it's true that supermarkets are interested. From the weekly list of 200 discounted titles, in all categories, which appeared in Publishing News on June 7, Tesco stocked 60, Woolworth 45, and Asda 37. Titles were mostly fiction (but not best-sellers) and leisure books. In contrast, W.H. Smith stocked 109, Dillons 32, Books Etc 14, Waterstone's 3.

In the nine months of the possible free-for-all, Calder's fears haven't been proved or disproved. What is clear is that the end of a complex skein of trends and that the interweave of book-selling and publishing is producing surprising — and resilient — new patterns.

The effects of the collapse of the NBA are the subject of a research project commissioned by the Book Trust. Dr Frank Fishwick, of Cranfield University, who is doing the study, says: "The NBA is only the most visible and controversial item in the battle between the main chains and the publishers." There's conflict on many other fronts, yet wander into any of the new book palaces, the branches of Books Etc, Dillons and Waterstone's and you will not be mugged by cut-price Archers, Coopers, Gris-hams and Trollopes. Waterstone's in Earl's Court Road, West London, is typical. A skillful and soothing layout has disarmed determined bargain hunters before they've had a chance to realise there isn't a fiver off the week's top-ten best-sellers. You're deep into the carpeted recesses before you come across special offers: a holiday promotion of price of three; Sarah Dunant, Nicholas Evans, PD James and David Lodge in a batch of titles, including five children's books.

The group's marketing and promotions director, Gordon

Kerr, explains: "We have discounted some books. But you turn your stores into remainder shops if you put stickers all over the place." Can he be serious? Surely customers aren't going to be offended? But Kerr is quite earnest. Waterstone's customers are mostly heavy book buyers; price cuts are way down their list of priorities. They come for the atmosphere — stores make a point of being well-lit and handsomely laid out; because the booksellers — "we don't call them staff" says Kerr — are knowledgeable, and for the huge range of stock.

So was public expectation, informed by the media, wrong in assuming that the ending of the NBA would mean that the big chains would look like Barnes and Noble in the United States, where discount displays are pushed like a glut of strawberries in a street market?

We probably were naive to expect that, says Kerr. "If you thought it was going to be 23 off some titles, that's not our way." There are, of course, bargains to be had, though they're arranged to promote

only a stone's throw away from the Waterstone's shop in Earl's Court, but it's worlds away in attitude.

Like John Calder, Owen would sooner the NBA was still in place, but is resigned to doing without it. One result, he says, is that bookshops hold much less stock than they used to, particularly from the backlists of books published some time ago but still in print. Even new titles have literally a much shorter shelf-life; some are sold to remaindering firms after only six months. Coupled with this is the tendency for the chains to invest in and promote best-sellers: "they'll go for the garbage," he says disdainfully.

As a literary publisher, he yearns to discover a big new talent in fiction, yet he's scornful of almost all submissions from new writers: "Most of the stuff is illiterate gibberish. There's no real fiction market now, except for Archer and Cooper. There is no way you can do the promising novel now; it must have more to recommend it."

But there's a flip-side to Peter Owen's pessimism, after all, as he says, "we're all opportunists," and neither he or Calder are bringing out fewer titles this year than the year before, NBA or no NBA. The publishing bonanza of the 1980s is over, but his firm is making some savvy accommodations. He's going into reference books, a category he's hardly touched until now, on the basis that such titles can have a long life; and he's making sure that American rights — and other areas of profitability — are available for most books he brings out.

Publishers, big and small, and whatever their attitude to the NBA, do all agree that bookshops have become sexier emporiums over the last decade, and they're pulling in the customers.

The grumble from the pessimists among the publishers is that the chains are getting greedy; the standard discount of 85 per cent is being topped by a demand for 50 or 55 per cent on some titles if a big order — hundreds of copies — is placed. The big three or four retailers are in a position to call the tune — or one or two of the tunes — that the publishers have to dance to.

But while this has been happening — and this shows the complexities of the book business — it hasn't stopped the emergence of new

independent small operators. You might think it crazy to go against the trend, given that the golden era of the 1980s, when city money wooed publishers with huge offers for take-overs of library houses and Lottery-like advances to authors, has long finished.

Even so, that hasn't deterred some new ventures from starting. Among them is Stephen Hayward who, after years with Lawrence and Wishart, struck out on his own and founded Serif, going strong with eight titles a year.

He doubts if any of the small independent publishers have been approached by the chains demanding a bigger discount, and he reckons that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission would be interested if any such approach was made, given that the biggest chains control a big slice of the market. He agrees that Serif, now in its fourth year, was born in the shadow of the retailers.

And while those retailers are not influencing what small firms publish, he admits: "It would be madness for us to take on a title we thought had no appeal whatever to Waterstone's. But we aren't consciously commissioning books for them either."

Serif's Tail, a small innovative house, is another independent success whose first decade, just celebrated, parallels the growth of the big book chains. Publisher Peter Ayreton is pragmatic about the business of co-existing and co-operating with the big bookshops.

"While not welcoming the demise of the NBA, we certainly want to thrive in the new environment. I think there will be many more promotional opportunities. Bookshops will be looking to do themed promotions. And when a new book comes out, they will sell back-list titles at a reduced rate."

To coincide with the annual Gay Pride event next month, he points that both Dillons and Waterstone's are mounting displays of gay literature. "This is more the way things are going to go. Bookshops are going to sell more through focused promotions, but they're going to demand higher discounts, or help with the cost of promotions," says Ayreton.

So to what extent are they beginning to dominate the thinking of small independents (Serif's Tail produces about 33 new titles a year) and will it ever amount to a tyranny? "They're not saying 'we're going to stop stocking your books'," says Ayreton. But they are making a point.

In the specially-produced retailer's magazines, which contain mini-excerpts from new books designed to attract and inform customers, buying space to mention their books costs publishers thousands of pounds.

The good news is that the chains are giving some thought to cultivating not only book-buying as a habit, but are encouraging little

lucrative niches within it. They all have several wheezes which they're coy about revealing, so fierce is the competition between them. However, Serif's Tail is involved with an interesting first.

The firm produces paperbackbacks: the American crime writer Walter Mosley (his Devil in a Blue Dress was successfully filmed with Denzel Washington) is one of the stars of its list. A Little Yellow Dog, another of Mosley's Easy Rawlins mysteries, is due out here in the autumn, in a paperback edition of 15,000 copies. However, Water-

stone's have asked Ayreton to agree to produce a hardback edition — 2,000 copies, each with a bookplate autographed by the author — for exclusive sale in its stores.

"For us, it's a very important opportunity to consolidate our relationship with them," says Ayreton. "The problem is what the other chains will say, and what the independent booksellers will say." He is prepared to take that risk.

With both booksellers and publishers facing a whole bundle of trends, some of them apparently in conflict with others, Ayreton is keeping one eye on the creeping goodness of those chains which screw all they can out of publishers, big and small, but he's also optimistic about the opportunities for

co-operation with those chains. He's not particularly worried about the balance of power being tipped irrevocably towards the Big Four. Already, he points out, it's quite common for dustjackets and advertisements to be designed to take account of what the major retailers feel will attract customers.

In fact, he says, "There's every reason for chains and bookstores to get involved in the genesis of a book — so long as it doesn't become a case where they say 'We're not stocking this title because we don't like the moral line it takes'."

That's a pious hope in what is at present the pretty unruly sea of British publishing. In spite of all the financial setbacks and uncertainties, the number of new books (that is both new titles and new editions of already published titles) is projected to rise to over 100,000 for the first time this year.

But you can see what a difficult field it is from figures for 1995 quoted recently in The Bookseller. Last year, the output of fiction dropped by 1.1 per cent, while the really dramatic rises were recorded by art books, which rose by 25.3 per cent and by school textbooks, which were up by 25.6 per cent.

But the most astonishing increase was in religious publishing: 4,442 titles appeared — which amounted to a growth of 33 per cent over the previous year.

Why such growth in what is supposed to be a post-Christian country? There's a mystery here. (Somebody should write a book about it.) Maybe the fact that publishing throws up such oddities shows that we shouldn't worry too much about what the doom-sayers predict will happen after the ending of the NBA.

Advertisement for earth magazine. Text: "We need friends because where there's smoke there's not always a government health warning." Includes phone number 01582 482 297 and a small image of the magazine cover.

Cubby Broccoli

Giving 007 a licence to thrill

CUBBY Broccoli, the producer of the James Bond films who has died aged 87, was sometimes affectionately nicknamed the Godfather. It was mostly taken as a compliment. What was certain was that he was the apparently benign, slow and sure partner in the duo who first brought Ian Fleming's James Bond to the screen in the early 1960s.

America, calling it by the Broccoli family name. Cubby had to wash, crate and take vegetables to Harlem markets on a horse cart. Later he worked for a cousin as manager of the Long Island Casket Company, makers of coffins.

star Alan Ladd - who he had previously represented as an agent - for Hell Below Zero, The Black Knight and The Red Rover. He exploited other contacts by starring Rita Hayworth, Robert Mitchum and Jack Lemmon in Fire Down Below, Jose Ferrer in The Cockleshell Heroes and Peter Finch in The Trials of Oscar Wilde.

THE significant meeting between Broccoli, Saltzman, and Kim took place on June 20, 1961, when the suggested budget of one million dollars for the first Bond film was cut to 800,000 dollars by United Artists. It was to have been Thunderball, but the rights were in dispute, so they kicked off with Dr No instead.



Bonding together... Broccoli on the set of the 1985 film A View To A Kill. Behind him is Roger Moore who played 007

They were agreed, when Connery bowed out, that Bond would remain British, telling United Artists firmly that Paul Newman, Burt Reynolds or Steve McQueen really would not do as the essentially British shaken-but-not-stirred agent.

with his third wife, the author Dana Wilson whom he had married in 1959, and his grandchildren. He never spoke of or put on record his first two marriages.

then did so for a fee reputed to be in seven figures - at a time when such a figure was highly unusual. After 25 years spent amassing a personal fortune of £30 million in Britain, Broccoli went home to Los Angeles in 1977 for tax reasons but continued to produce the Bonds.

Dennis Barker Cubby (Albert Romeo) Broccoli, movie producer, born April 5, 1909, died June 27, 1996

Bernard Sendall

Behind the TV screen

BERNARD Sendall, who has died aged 83, was a strong, quiet influence in the first 20 years of independent television. As deputy director of the Independent Television Authority (ITA) - later the Independent Broadcasting Authority - he established relations with the new companies, and the machinery for the ITA to guide programming. He was behind the scenes, an effective and well-loved figure.

In 1972, after a splendid run about the scheduling of Verdi's Macbeth, Sendall won a significant victory. It was agreed that the ITA, with programme controllers, should be involved in planning and scheduling. He robustly represented the ITA's belief that viewers' interests, not those of investors or advertisers, were paramount and while good ratings were desirable they were not all.

Sendall was not easy to know well, though his charm and kindness were attractive. He could be a little solemn but was not pompous - early in the ITA's life he discouraged a colleague from coming to work in a bowler hat. There was an unpretentious wisdom about all his thinking which won great respect, and on his retirement, he received the Royal Television Society's gold medal. He is survived by his wife, Barbara.

Sir Brian Young Bernard Chriss Sendall, deputy director general of the IBA, born April 30, 1913; died May 25, 1996

Death Notices

MAW, Mariel B., of Huddersfield Peacefully at Huddersfield, 25 June, aged 88. Cremation Huddersfield 11.30am, Tuesday 2 July. Flowers, donations if wished to Chuker Peace and Service, Friends House, London, NW1 2BQ. Enquiries 01484 531 441.

In Memoriam

MAITRE, Sue Fuller, died June 20th 1996. Much missed by her many friends. WTC please your announcement telephone 0171 713 4667, Fax 0171 713 4129

Letter

Greg Chamberlain writes: David Nicholls (obituary). I was a student vicar who could meet. And he had a (steam) computer in the 1970s. A passion for Haiti, as well as motorbikes, brought us into contact nearly a quarter of a century ago. In 1979, he published From Dessalines To Duvalier, still considered perhaps the best history of that country in English. It could be disconcerting to enter the vicarage to a squawk of "goodbye" from his pet macaw, the Archdeacon William Paley, who died a couple of weeks before him after a long career of letter-writing to newspapers to put Nicholls' robes to rest. The parrot even got a byline on a 1982 Guardian report from Haiti. At elections five years later, Nicholls and I came across a heap of bodies in a schoolroom, all voters in their Sunday best, freshly hacked to death by regime thugs. I won't forget his gasp of horror.

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Peter Paul Piech... art to stir the soul. PHOTOGRAPH: V&A

Peter Paul Piech

Political artist with a cutting edge

PETER Paul Piech, who has died aged 76, was a graphic designer and print-maker who used his art for political causes. He printed the messages of poets, thinkers and politicians; people such as Steve Biko, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King and Wilfred Owen. He never wrote his own text, he did not need to, other people's words were given his own message. Piech was not interested in isms, only in what happened to human beings.

After the war Piech studied art on a GI grant at the Chelsea College of Art. By the 1950s and 1960s, he had become an influential figure in London advertising becoming art director at the Crawford's agency. Then, in 1968, he set up as a freelance designer. In 1969 he had established the Taurus Press. It comprised a 100-year-old Gem Thompson proofing press and two letterpress machines. His first book was War and Mystery, a portfolio of woodcut images depicting an ignoble act of man on man. Seventy further publications were to follow, including Blake's America to commemorate the American Blake Association bicentennial.

Plech's early work was two tone, mainly black and white, but by the mid-1970s he was experimenting with colour. Each colour reinforced a different emotion - with orange recurring as the sign of truth. There were also his posters, which provided a way of confronting people that was not possible with books. And the object was to stir people to action. He lectured throughout the world, on printing and his own work. He was a fellow of the Society of Typographical Designers, and a founder member of the London chapter of private press printers. He gave his archive to the Victoria and Albert Museum's National Art Library's archive of art & design.

Elizabeth Salmon Shalagh Hourahane writes: Everyone in Wales, from Paul Peter Piech made his adopted home in later life.

Paul Peter Piech, artist, born February 11, 1920; died May 31, 1996

Weekend Birthdays

The violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter, 33 today, first hit the world of music as a child prodigy, thanks to the early advocacy of Herbert von Karajan. As a young teenager she was one of the few soloists with whom that all-powerful conductor designed to make recordings - of the Beethoven and Brahms violin concertos among other works. Nor was her artistry submerged by the great man. Even then she was quite clear that the interpretations were hers and not his.

She was so phenomenal, a dummy little girl who played like an angel, that it was hard to see how she would develop as an adult artist. What was the music-world's surprise when, in her late teens, the ugly duckling emerged as a swan, physically one of the most glamorous of all artists. Happily the natural artistry of youth remains undiminished, with her musical insight as keen as ever. Now one of the world's great virtuosos she continues to give inspired

performances, not just of the established classics, but of much 20th century music too. Today's other birthdays: Ian Bannen, actor, 68; Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, 85; Charlotte Bingham, novelist, playwright, 54; Lady Sally Greenross, director, Age Concern, 61; Sir Rex Hunt, former governor, Falkland Islands, 70; Sir Brian Hutton, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, 65; Sir Miles Irving, Professor of Surgery, Manchester University, 61; Prof Martin Jones, archaeologist, 45;

Usha Kumari Prashar, chair, New Refugee Unit, 48; Nancy Sanders, archaeologist, 82. Tomorrow's birthdays: Peter Doggett, editor, Record Collector, 38; Tony Hatch, songwriter and lyricist, 57; Lena Horne, singer, 79; Clyde Jeavons, curator, National Film and Television Archive, 57; Christopher Lloyd, surveyor of the Queen's Pictures, 51; James Loughran, conductor, 65; Frank Marcus, playwright, 68; Gary Pallister, footballer, 31; Mike Tyson, boxer, 30.



Anne-Sophie Mutter, 33 today

Face to Faith

A catalyst, not a conscience

Chris Bryant

THE OLD recipe for Christian socialism was easy. Take a few choice texts from the Bible or the early Church, mix with a dollop of Clause Four orthodoxy, sprinkle with Nonconformist fervour or Anglo-Catholic ritual and simmer gently. But for many, that recipe has now curdled. The collapse of Soviet communism and the constant reinventions of both Christianity and Socialism have made people think again. Tony Blair's Labour Party conference speech in Brighton last year was hailed by the New Statesman as "Christian Socialism comes of age". But what will its relationship with New Labour look like? Blair himself has been desperate to assert that the connection will not be direct;

Christianity led him to Socialism, but for others it might lead to another political creed. This is not only a wise caveat (voters don't like religious zealots) but also an essential Christian truth. For no political party, however often we may cite the name of Jesus, can build the Kingdom of God. The indirect links between Labour and Christianity, however, are strong. Many of New Labour's political themes are straight out of the Bible. One Nation was the cry of the patriarchs. Individual accountability matched by social responsibility was the message of the prophets, and the wisdom literature preached a perennial passion for education. So the themes are there, but neither Moses nor Jesus speaks the language of parliamentary legislation and the Bible will not help draft a new Criminal Justice Act or a ministerial

statement on social security. Indeed, the most important thing Christianity has to offer politics is the recognition that the final aim of politics is not legislative change at all. Charles Kingsley, responding 150 years ago to the Chartists' demands for reform, criticised "the belief that legislative reform is social reform, or that men's hearts can be changed by Acts of Parliament." For lasting change people need to be transformed in the way they think, the way they conceive of themselves and their relation to their family, the State and their neighbour. In this more complicated world of cultural transformation social values hold more sway than political manoeuvres and the Churches have as much a role to play as politicians. There are many Christian Socialists who believe Chris-

tian Socialism should be an irritant to a Labour government. They will point to more radical Biblical themes: Israel's struggle for freedom from slavery, the embrace for the immigrant and the stranger in your midst, and the concern for the oppressed. And there is a sense in which faith will act as a better conscience. The faith of Gordon Brown, Jack Straw and Chris Smith will be both a source of personal strength at a time when even politicians have lost confidence in politics, and a challenging whisper. The difficulty with consciences, though, is that they rarely enunciate clearly, and they are often more to be feared, for faith without doubt is the beginning of heresy. It is always easier for the politician to curry favour with colleagues and it has been a common underestimation of Blair that people believe he has tailored New Labour to the tastes of the electorate, whereas he has argued for what he truly believes. But to expect that the Christian Socialist Movement will act primarily as Labour's bet-

ter conscience - already a patronising concept - would be mistaken. Too often, Christian Socialists have identified the Kingdom of God with some clear political programme and then sought to exorcise Labour leaders who have strayed from the path. This time round, I suspect that what Labour will need is less an irritant, more a desire to think the unthinkable because the party who built the welfare state is the only one we can trust to reshape it for a modern world. So as a movement we should be determinedly anti-fundamentalist as much so in our politics as in our religion and our loyalty will always be more in R H Tawney's words, "to the intolerable toil of

thought" than to any specific programme, however closely it may seem to mirror the contours of the Kingdom of God. Chris Bryant chairs the Christian Socialist Movement and is the author of Possible Dreams: a Personal History of the British Christian Socialists which is published on July 4 by Hodder & Stoughton.



Saturday June 29 1996

Money Guardian

Now graduates must pass the hardest exam of all

UNIVERSITY and college terms drew to a close yesterday, leaving students and graduates to face their stiffest test yet — finding a job. New research due to be published next week by the Midland Bank will show that only 30 per cent of students are confident about getting jobs once they have gained a degree.

Many of the 13,000 graduates and 100 employers attending next week's Recruitment Fair sponsored by the Guardian at the Business Design Centre in London's Islington will also be aware that the most recent survey conducted by the National Union of Students suggests as many as one in five graduates will still be looking for work six months after they have sat their finals.

The increasing burden of debt shouldered by students during their studies makes the pressure to find employment all the greater. Barclays Bank says about 80 per cent of students will have ended the academic year with an overdraft and an average debt level of around £3,000. Some will need to find work to fund summer holidays, while the remainder will be saving up enough cash to see them through the following year.

Whatever the reasons for taking a job, those fortunate enough to find one will be faced with the same queries concerning income tax and National Insurance. Like anyone else, students have a personal allowance which permits them to earn up to £3,765 a year tax-free. The lowest rate of income tax, 20 per cent, is then levied on the next £3,900 of income. After that, a rate of 25 per cent will apply.

In some cases, students may be placed on an emergency tax code and forced to pay tax which then has to be claimed back. To avoid the hassle, students who don't expect to earn more than their personal allowance should ask at their local tax offices for form P98(S) and give it to their employer. Earnings should then be paid gross.

If you are starting your first job after full-time education



Tided over... Four out of five students will end the academic year with an overdraft and many will need to borrow more. PHOTOGRAPH: ROGER SAMBER

What the banks offer

Banks	Overdraft Interest free	Graduate loan APR
Barclays	6 months	8.8
Lloyds	24 months	8.9
Midland	12 months	9.0
NatWest	6 months	8.2

and have not claimed income support or unemployment benefit, your new employer will ask you to fill in form P46. If your earnings are likely to exceed £3,765 a month, the tax office will assume you are entitled to no more than the basic personal allowance and give you the temporary tax code 376L for the current tax year. This ensures your personal allowance is taken into consideration before tax is deducted. However, if you don't fill in

form P46, the emergency tax code will kick in straight away on your entire earnings. To help the Revenue work out your true tax code, you will also need to fill in form P15 which takes account of other outgoings or allowances you may be entitled to, such as a married couple's allowance, mortgage interest tax relief or pension contributions. Any extra tax deducted in the meantime will be refunded. National Insurance Contributions will have to be paid if your earnings are more than £61 a week. A rate of 2 per cent is charged on the first £61, then an additional 10 per cent on other income up to the current ceiling of £465 a week. Payments will be deducted directly from your earnings.

In some forms of casual employment, employers may offer to avoid tax and NIC by paying cash-in-hand. However, students should be warned that this practice is illegal, even though the Inland Revenue will take action against the employer rather than the employee.

If you are working abroad for the summer, you will probably still have to pay UK tax on your earnings. You will need to give your tax office details of your overseas employment so that it can arrange to collect

the tax direct from you in instalments. Revenue leaflet IR56 gives fuller details on the tax position of UK residents working abroad.

Graduates, even temporarily unemployed ones, are still valued by banks and most offer loans of up to £5,000 and interest-free overdrafts to help graduates during their job-search.

AS WELL as consolidating any debts from college, banks will provide low-rate graduate loans for other items such as a new working wardrobe or a car. Most of the banks are also willing to extend the interest-free period on overdrafts while graduates find their feet.

Graduates can also sign on for income support of up to

£37.90 a week as soon as their term has officially ended. Some will also be entitled to housing benefit if they are paying rent. In general, students are not eligible for income support or housing benefit while they are on a full-time course, although the regulations do not spell out their definition of full-time. You may be able to claim, however if you are the parent of a child under 16.

If you have dropped out of your course or been dismissed, you will be able to claim benefit from that date. If you are studying part-time, you may be eligible for benefit provided your course lasts no more than 21 hours a week and you are prepared to take a job if a suitable one comes up.

Money Guardian was edited by Teresa Hunter this week

How cowboy firms force low-paid into tax nightmare

David Brodie



Confused... Vasant Patel

NEXT time you are asked if you are employed or self-employed, you might respond, godfather-style, "Who wants to know?" Although the law says that your status should normally be the same for tax, National Insurance and employment protection purposes, it is often not that simple.

Vasant Patel was an outworker for a small clothing company in Leicester. It delivered garments to her home, to be "overlocked" on a machine owned and maintained by the company, and then collected by them. She had to sign a document saying she was self-employed, and the taxman assessed her as such.

But Mrs Patel appealed to the Commissioners, an independent tribunal, arguing that she was an employee — in which case the company was responsible for her tax. However, the Commissioners sided with the Revenue, saying she was self-employed and must pay the tax assessed.

But when the company later stopped supplying her with work, and Mrs Patel sued for unfair dismissal, an industrial tribunal decided that she had been employed and so was entitled to compensation.

Yet this was not the end of the matter. The Benefits Agency is still reviewing Mrs Patel's application for unemployment benefit. If it agrees that she was employed, she will qualify for benefit. If not, she may receive demands for arrears of class 2 National Insurance contributions (NIC) due in respect of her self-employment.

Champs Chudasama, of Leicester Outworker Campaign, which has been helping Mrs Patel, observed: "To have the same outworker classified as both employed and self-employed shows what a mess the situation has become, and leaves low-paid workers completely unclear about their employment rights, tax, NIC and benefits."

It is usually the case that most low-paid workers are better off if treated as employed. This way they may be entitled to employment protection (after two years in a job), and the employer is responsible for their tax and NIC under the PAYE scheme, which in turn may qualify them for unemployment benefit.

But for these very reasons — and the extra cost of having to pay employers' NIC — many companies wrongly treat their workers as self-

employed, as happened to Mrs Patel, require them to agree to this in writing. In fact, such "agreements" are invalid, as the classification should be determined by the nature of the job.

Broadly, if you work under the control of one organisation, using its equipment, then you should normally be classified as an employee for all purposes, regardless of any "agreement" to the contrary.

So what should you do if you feel you are wrongly classified as self-employed? One option is to approach the taxman for a ruling. The Revenue publishes a booklet, IR56 Employed or Self-employed? which explains the criteria and invites taxpayers to ask for assistance if in doubt.

If the Revenue agrees that you are employed, it may order your employer to operate PAYE and expose you to the risk of losing your job.

Should you feel compelled to comply with your employer's wishes, you must meet all the obligations imposed on the self-employed. These include notifying the tax office and Contributions Agency of your work, keeping records of income and business expenses and completing an annual tax return. Tax and NIC payments will also have to be made. And, even then, it is possible that Revenue or DSS questions about your work may provoke an investigation of your employer's practices.

In an ideal world, the Revenue and DSS would have sufficient resources to enforce PAYE compliance by employers, without relying upon employees risking their jobs. But, in reality, many smaller companies ignore the PAYE rules with impunity, as Revenue audits are infrequent and workers do not report cowboy employers for fear of being fired.

Excalibur put to the sword over safety fears

Cliff Jones

THE holiday plans of tens of thousands of people will be on hold this weekend following the collapse of charter airline Excalibur Airlines.

The airline, which went into liquidation on Wednesday, has been hit by a series of safety scares which destroyed consumer confidence. Earlier this month, passengers in Orlando refused to board one of the airline's DC-10s after seeing smoke inside the cabin. A second delay occurred just days later in Manchester when the same aircraft was found to have a cracked wind-

screen. Customers who have booked holidays flying with Excalibur should contact their tour operator for a refund or to make alternative arrangements. They should not contact the airline directly.

People will not need to alter their plans if holidays were booked through travel agents and tour operators which are members of trade organisations such as Air Travel Organisers' Licence (ATOL) or the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta).

Abta's Keith Betton said that all the travellers who booked through its agents will be able to take their holidays as planned. The two main Ex-

calibur operators, Globespan and Liberty World Travel, are bound to honour the original contracts made when they agreed the sale of the holiday as they are both Abta members. Liberty World Travel of Blackpool has already contacted worried customers who were due to fly on Excalibur and arranged for a Belgian carrier, Challenge Air, to transport them at an extra cost of £38 per person. Customers who are not pre-

pared to pay more and wish to cancel their plans will be entitled to a full refund.

Meanwhile, the future of Excalibur Airlines remains uncertain. More than 1,000 passengers are still stranded in Orlando after they started a holiday booked through Liberty World Travel. DeLiotte & Touche, the accountancy firm which has been appointed liquidator for the company, says that the operator has booked an alternative flight to bring

the travellers back to Manchester.

The airline, meanwhile, has lost more than £1 million and is desperately seeking a buyer so that it can honour the contracts made with passengers. The airline carries more than 3,000 people each week and is fully booked into October.

Andrew Peters of DeLiotte suggests that a third party may yet save the day. He says: "I have already been in touch with three companies who want to buy the airline."

Customers who book flights through independent travel agents can rely on their credit cards if an airline or tour operator which does not belong to a trade organisation goes bust.

Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 states that the card supplier is liable if the retailer ceases trading before the goods are supplied.

People who paid by other means can pursue claims through their local Trading Standards Office or the county courts, which usually take a sympathetic view of travellers who have saved up for a holiday only to find the company no longer exists.

In the case of Excalibur, however, Abta says that none of the bookings were made through independents and all tour operators are bound by the rules to offer a full refund or arrange for alternative transport.

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SCOTTISH WIDOWS

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COPPER CRISIS

British traders face class action, report PATRICK DONOVAN and MARK TRAN in New York



Fingered... Charles Vincent is among those named in 'class action' complaint

Winchester is sued in US

Broker dismisses 'opportunistic' move

WINCHESTER Commodities, a Connecticut-based trading concern owned by Charles Vincent and Ashley Levett, faces US legal action over the company's alleged involvement in the multi-billion-dollar Summito fraud, according to documents drawn up by Wall Street lawyers.

action was "highly predictable, opportunistic and without foundation". According to legal papers drawn up by the US legal firm of Lovell & Skirnick, the action is being taken by Benjamin Westfried, who is believed to be a wealthy private investor.

globe". It said that "with a large long position still outstanding and hidden stocks apparently at large, prices could move sharply in either direction".

'Perks row' Grid to give directors free shares

A COMPANY at the centre of one of the fiercest controversies over a "fat cat" pay packages is planning to award free shares to directors and introduce a share option scheme that could alone be worth \$800,000 to one of its top executives this year.

Lonrho splits from Rowland legacy

THE Lonrho trading empire yesterday unveiled a blueprint for breaking itself into three parts and bringing down the curtain on the era of former chief executive Tiny Rowland.

his platinum interests before being allowed to take charge, leaving itself with Lonrho Mining's stake in the Ashanti mine and its own gold and coal operations.

US deals foulard blow to Como

ITALIAN designers are up in arms over a US law that will force them to label their products "Made in China" even though they are designed, cut, printed and sewn in Italy's "silk city" of Como.

British firms rush into the arms of Indonesia

BRITISH companies are queuing to supply Indonesia's armed forces with their aerospace needs, despite fears among human rights groups that the technology will be used to suppress internal unrest.

News in brief Welsh ostrich firm in sand

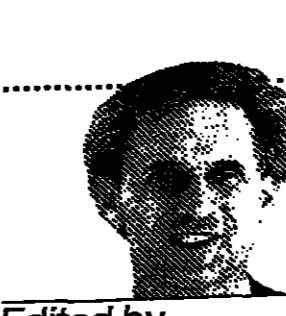
Another ostrich company faces being wound up by the DTI. The High Court has appointed the Official Receiver as provisional liquidator to the Wyse Valley Ostrich Company pending a court hearing on July 31.

US deals foulard blow to Como

It will help the Chinese enormously, because Amer-

Saturday Notebook

IMF forced back on own resources



Edited by Alex Brummer

THE powerful effort by World Bank president James Wolfensohn, Chancellor Kenneth Clarke and President Chirac, chairman of the Lyon summit, to bring multilateral debt relief to the world's poorest countries appears to have ended in failure.

Wake-up call SOME of the buzz has gone out of the mobile phone business since the successful float of Orange earlier this year, despite the huge growth rates predicted for the next few years.

Bock reshuffle SCEPTICS might wonder about the integrity of a company which announces plans to spin off its most desirable assets, watches the share prices

go ahead. And analysts puzzled over why Mr Lang should block the takeovers when Scottish Power, which is a generator, was allowed to buy Manweb, a distributor.

OFT backs ban on utility mergers

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G7 SUMMIT in LYON

Leaders 'fail world's poor'

Japan and Canada urged to cut tariffs to Third World

Richard Thomas Economics Correspondent

JAPAN and Canada were singled out yesterday as having particularly low imports from poor countries...

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series of private meetings between the Commission and G7 members, a senior member of the Commission's delegation said...

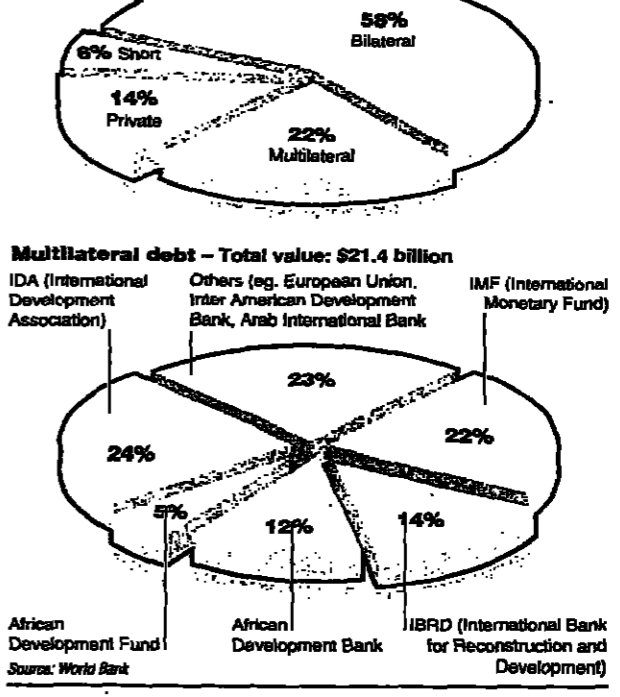
backed gold sales initiative and pledged to keep pushing the plan at the autumn meetings of the IMF...

Andrew Simms, a spokesman for Christian Aid, said yesterday: "This is another case of all words and no deeds..."

Commission officials said boosting the export potential of poor countries had to be supported by lower barriers to the rich markets of the North...

In the red

What the 20 most indebted poor countries owe



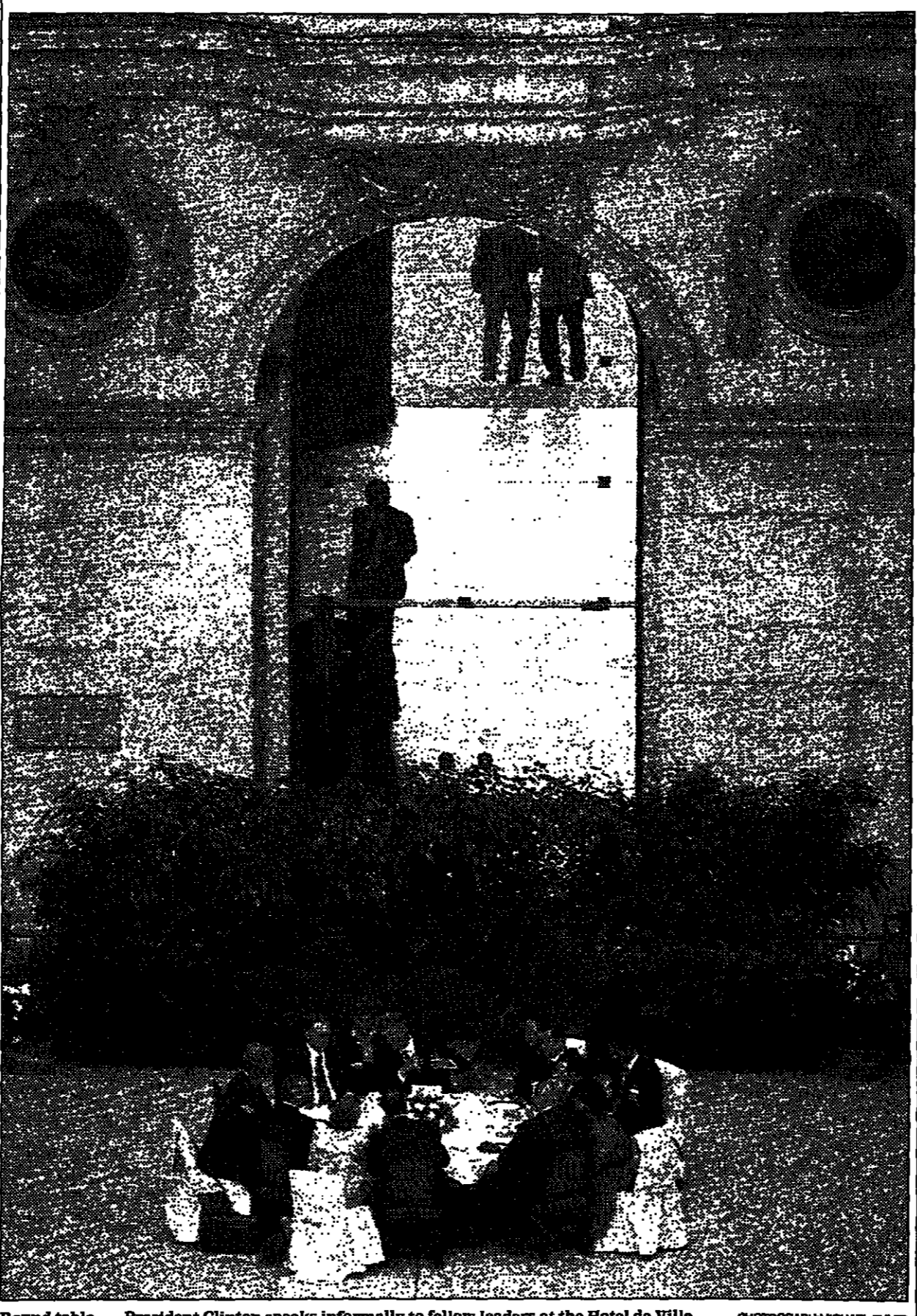
Summit backs political reform in Russia

Ian Black Diplomatic Editor

G7 LEADERS expressed strong support for political reform in Russia amidst private warnings that a re-elected Boris Yeltsin may run a more nationalist and assertive foreign policy...

saying its proper place was in political consultations on global issues, not yet in the financial and economic forum of the rich nations...

An American in Lyon holds court at the Hotel de Ville



Round table... President Clinton speaks informally to fellow leaders at the Hotel de Ville

Clinton takes flak over ban on Cuba trade

US allies exert pressure to stop law hitting foreign firms, reports LARRY ELLIOTT

PRESIDENT Clinton was under mounting pressure last night to amend America's controversial anti-Cuba trade laws...

However, it added that "some difficulties lie ahead: public deficits and debt remain too large and national savings too low..."

Yeltsin's absence prompts new election health scare

David Hearst in Moscow

THE failure of Boris Yeltsin to appear at a scheduled meeting with farmers yesterday prompted a fresh health scare...

of his last trip to Kaliningrad, has cancelled his remaining trips and stayed in Moscow, where tanks have been seen moving inside the Kremlin...

Food, glorious food, eases the diplomatic channels

Lyon sketch: Ian Black

GLOBALISATION was the main item on the agenda but the menus were all relentlessly French - yet almost everyone in Lyon was too satiated to complain about the gastronomic G7 summit...

ing trouble in the US courts, came out as smooth as jobe gras in the final 17-page economic communiqué...

dominated by a live demonstration by master chef Paul Bocuse - proved more diverting than the leaked draft of the summit's economic conclusions...

in a revolutionary better-powered Peugeot, gliding silently - a dogged wit-out the screams - along the security perimeter...

Officials, who spent an estimated £4.5 million preparing for the summit - Lyon is France's third-largest city and some say its richest - insisted they had taken to heart criticism that the G7 had become too lavish in recent years...

Hikewise at colonial Williamsburg a year later. After the latest jamboree - where the poor and unemployed of the rich world were out of sight and almost out of mind - Lyon will not be forgotten quickly in the corridors of power...

Summit in brief

French GDP likely to grow by 2pc

THE French GDP is likely to be growing at an annual rate of 2.3 per cent by the end of 1996, bringing growth for the year up to 1.3 per cent after a slow start...

Record jobless in Japan

JAPAN'S unemployment rate rose to a record 3.5 per cent in May, boosted by young people who have failed to land jobs after leaving school in March...

Rates hope lifts Euro bonds

EXPECTATIONS that US and Japanese interest rates will not be raised soon lifted European bonds and sent the dollar to a 28-month high against the yen yesterday...



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KEITH HARPER
joins
Richard Branson on Virgin's politically charged inaugural flight to the US capital



'Richard can't survive on his own, but he'll get the best deal for us if he has to sell out'

Virgin employee

Flying visit... Richard Branson used Virgin's first landing at Dulles Airport to protest against the BA and American Airlines alliance
PHOTOGRAPH: RICK T. WILKIN

Show time in Washington

RICHARD Branson hit Washington on Thursday with a colourful Uncle Sam outfit, smart brogues and a bad banjo band which plunked its way round the American capital. Whatever Mr Branson does is outrageous, but the result is electrifying. Everybody knows he is in town. The jovial Cameroonian taxi driver had never heard his name before yesterday. Then he picked it up on a local radio ad announcing the arrival of a new Virgin Atlantic service between Washington and London, the company's seventh destination from the UK. "He sounds a great guy. Sort of gets to you. Makes it good." The people's capitalist had made another convert. In fact, most of Washington was aware that a showman was in town, selling a fresh commodity with a bright new ring about it that was as cheap as any of its competitors. With his customary good fortune, the intrepid entrepreneur turned the visit to further advantage by exposing the threat he says is posed by his airline by the proposed British Airways alliance with American Airlines. Should it go ahead, it would give Brit-

ain's favourite airline and American Airlines dominance of the lucrative North Atlantic route, with more than two-thirds of the traffic. According to one senior airline official here, the move has caused "a hue and a cry" among other American carriers, but they are not yet playing dirty in public. Mr Branson, on the other hand, is out on the streets crying foul. His first port of call was the British embassy. His merry band of revellers swept through the door, downed champagne and prawns and then withdrew. By the end of the evening, the original government line of wholehearted approval for the alliance had been replaced by a more muted tone. The official script on the embassy lawn was that the issue was now a matter of negotiation and the Government could not take sides. Pure nonsense, of course. Both the British and American governments are up to their political armpits in it. At stake for the Americans are the coveted slots at Heathrow, the world's most important international airport, from which they have been constantly denied extra rights. Talk of alternatives like Gatwick or Stansted and the American airlines are out-

'Agony airline' is healthy enough to thrive without BA

BITISH Airways' current American partner, USAir, is not the country's most popular airline. Dubbed the "agony airline", it is the carrier of last resort for business travellers and has an unenviable reputation within their community. BA rescued it from near-bankruptcy almost two years ago and took a 22 per cent stake in America's fourth-largest carrier, which owns 400 aircraft. So far USAir has not reacted officially to the proposed BA alliance with American beyond a cryptic remark suggesting that the proposal provides USAir with the ability to pursue "new and positive opportunities". This can be taken several ways.

One of the most intelligent observations going round Washington is that the lame-duck operation which BA picked up is slowly gathering strength. Its balance sheet is healthier and it exudes far more confidence these days, despite two serious accidents several years ago. It dominates the eastern United States like no other domestic airline, and has recently started daily services to Madrid, Rome and Munich. Not the action of an ailing airline. This is not a snivelling company. It has 42,000 employees and carried 55 million passengers last year. So when a new team, led by Stephen Wolf, former head of United Airlines,

took over four months ago, the message to employees was that the company had to grow, either by finding another partner or by being taken over. It also had to cut costs further. The private view in Washington during Mr Branson's cavorting is that USAir would not be able to survive a BA-American alliance. This is dangerous talk. The proposed alliance would have much to gain from USAir's presence. The once-discredited group of hick airlines from the American backwoods, from which USAir has evolved, may need a fresh pot of paint. But it is good enough to survive without BA and could strike out with a new partner of its own.

English businessman. But he never intended coming, so in the end there was a subdued meeting with senior officials, at which Mr Branson left his calling card. This is all he has been doing in the past two days. But he confidently expects immediate results from his lobbying. In reality, going through all its bureaucratic phases is likely to last months. The only reprieve would be a quiet withdrawal by BA and American, forced by pressure from the industry and lack of governmental agreement. Mr Branson gained a slight advantage yesterday when it emerged that the European Commission is to examine the BA-American deal through an obscure clause in EU law. Together, neither Washington nor Whitehall will brook any interference from Brussels. Certainly, Mr Branson's staff of 2,500 are enthusiastically behind their flamboyant 45-year-old school dropout. His airline is not among the biggest, but it has achieved a reputation for service and innovation which has been copied by the larger carriers. Virgin's turnover has more than quadrupled in five years, and its passengers have doubled to two million over the same period. Branson handpicks his staff

for the inaugurals. They are obviously loyal. Waiting for the flight back they contemplate a shrinking world of increasing partnerships with some trepidation. "Richard can't survive on his own, sure, but he'll get the best deal for us if he has to sell out," says one of the cabin crew. Where do they think the company will go if it has to? "Not to BA, for sure. He would do anything but that, and it will be over our dead bodies," they retort. Branson's energy is inexhaustible. After returning home today, he will host the first of six summer parties at his Oxfordshire home. On Monday, his association with Eurostar will be enhanced by a daily summer service from Waterloo to Disneyland Paris. With direct services to the French ski slopes from London promised over the winter. During the flight out, he received a poem and a tape from a woman in Cumbria, entreating him to take over the Carlisle and Settle railway. "We'll look at it, but I don't think it's possible at the moment," he declared. But sabotaging the BA-American alliance may also prove to be a large hurdle, even for the people's capitalist.

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The wrong medicine

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Norman's campaign succeeds, with hundreds of small independent pharmacies likely to be forced out of business. Some may say this is no bad thing, that the consumer should not have to subsidise flagging businesses, and that price is the only thing that matters. But this outmoded eighties philosophy is simply not applicable to something as important as the supply of medicine, and not just because some people cannot afford to drive to supermarkets such as Mr Norman's. Independent pharmacists play a vital role in their local communities, providing a wider range of medicines than supermarkets, dispensing prescriptions and providing expert — and free — advice to customers. You may not be able to see a doctor on a Sunday, but you can always see a pharmacist, and their advice is often as sound. Similarly, pharmacists are bound by a code of ethics barring them from encouraging customers to buy more of a product than they need. In some cases, this may mean actively dissuading someone from buying a product at all, which, given Britain's transformation in recent years into a nation of

hypochondriacs, is no bad thing at all. Every day we pay millions of pounds hoping to treat all manner of imaginary ailments by splashing out on "feel good" drugs for which we have absolutely no medical need. It is precisely this highly lucrative market — painkillers, vitamin tablets, food supplements and the like — that Asda hopes to corner. In doing so, it is trying to create a culture in which people are encouraged to buy more of such products as painkillers simply because they are cheaper than in the shop down the road. And, while you are unlikely to kill yourself with an overdose of food supplements, you certainly can with aspirins and other painkillers. Besides, if Asda really wants to corner the market in such medicines, it already boasts a highly competitive range of own-brand products with which to do so. But so too do Superdrug, Lloyds Chemists and Boots, none of which supports the scrapping of resale price maintenance. Indeed, Boots said only this week that a decision to end resale price maintenance would affect margins on only a very small proportion of its sales. That proportion would surely be smaller still in Asda's case.

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Across

- Happy-go-lucky (8)
- Spoken — examination (4)
- Succulent plants (5)
- Sullen, dejected (7)
- Sunny-sided (12)
- Sally's jacket (6)
- Distance up — a hill (6)
- Leading (of an attack) (12)
- Which sank the Titanic? (7)
- Direction (5)
- Whirlpool (4)
- Dealer in precious stones (8)

Down

- Tap — a male bird (4)
- Hermit (7)
- Timid (5-7)
- Breathe out (6)

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